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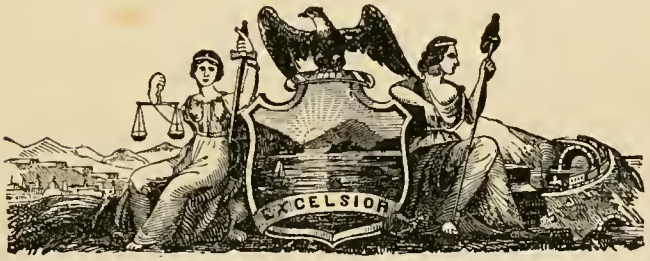

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STATE OF NEW YORK.

IN SENATE.

ALBANY, *April* 24, 1863.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate cause to be printed 500 copies of the Calendar to the Land Papers, from 1643 to 1803, and the Calendar to the Historical Manuscripts, from 1638 to 1801.

By order of the Senate,

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Clerk.*

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NEW YORK REVOLUTIONARY PAPERS.

The Plot Discovered.

[Miscellaneous Papers, 34: 169.

COMMUNICATED BY A LETTER FROM A WORTHY AMERICAN PATRIOT IN LONDON, TO HIS FRIENDS IN THIS COUNTRY, DATED MARCH 15, 1775.

Lord NORTH *has brought into the House of Commons, a Bill, to confine the trade in every individual article, of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina, to Great Britain, Ireland, and the British West Indies, so that not one bushel of grain, or any trivial thing can be carried by water from any of those colonies, or the four New England governments, to any other colony or part of the world, except as before mentioned. New York is designedly left out, in hopes of making that colony secede from the general American system of opposition, and secure it to assist in the abominable ministerial measures, for which end nothing is left untried. Several of the majority in the Assembly, all whose names I have not yet learnt, had actually received a bribe, in money,* £1,000 *sterling a man, to vote as they did in the Assembly in January last, against taking into consideration the proceedings of your Congress. The* Delanceys, Watts, Coldens, *and the leaders of the party are to be rewarded much higher,* by places of *honour, profit, and pensions, viz.,* Watts *to be Lieutenant-Governor, in the room of old* Colden, *who resigns on a pension.* Cruger *to be of the Council, also a young* Colden, McEvers, *and some of the* Watts's. *Large grants of land are also to be given; and in a little time a Bishop will certainly be appointed in America;* Dr. Cooper, *of New York, is fixed for the man, who is the ministerial writer there. These men are most assuredly assisting the ministers in devising plans for disuniting America, which are communicated by* Colden *officially, and privately by a certain* Parson Vardill, *a native of New York, who has been here above a twelvemonth, a ministerial writer against America, under the signature of Coriolanus, and is lately appointed King's Professor in the College of New York, with a salary of* £200 *sterling per annum, and a Major* Skeene *from New York, who is* appointed Governor of Crown Point, and Surveyor of the woods, with a grant of 120,000 acres of land.

It will be of infinite importance to have all this known publicly in New York, before their general election, if it gets to hand in time, to prevent the Delancey party from getting a majority; for if they do, the ministry openly avow, they are sure the colony will in its legislative capacity take a decisive part with them, in all their measures; and that Delancey's moving a remonstrance in the last session of their Assembly, was only a piece of policy, to gain popularity, and thereby obtain a majority in the next Assembly, which being done, they will throw off the mask, and assist the ministry in every measure, for the ruin of their country. Is it just and proper, good heavens! that such parricides should live? The minister's majority in this House of Commons is much the same as the last, but still a vast majority of the people at large, are extremely alarmed and exceedingly averse to the measures now carrying on against America, therefore every artifice is used to exasperate them against you, for fear of their resentment against the ministers rising so high as to bring them to the gallows and scaffold; and they mean by every insult and provocation to force you into violence, that they may have some cause for executing the horrid plan they have concerted. This was part of the design of the infamous

address, and the orders to seize by violence several persons in Massachusets Bay and to bring them over here, which orders, I suppose, are now countermanded, for they resolve and re-resolve ten times in a week, that it is with respect to the mode, but the plan of despotism never varies. Some regiments from hence, with double the quantity of field artillery than we had in Germany any time in the last war, will go to Cork as soon as the wind permits, there to take in three regiments of foot, and one of Light Dragoons, for Boston, and four regiments for New York. The regiments have more than a full complement of officers, as General Gage tells them 3,000 men may be raised in Massachusets Bay. They talk of preventing the meeting of Congress, for this you should be prepared; but with all their bravadoes I believe they are not very anxious to begin the battle; they try threats, and are using every art and bribe to seduce you, for they know well what Lord Chatham told them, to be true, that the first drop of blood they shed in America, will cost them their heads.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Albany County.

[Credentials of Delegates, 24: 37.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Correspondence for the City and County of Albany, held the 21st day of March, 1775.

Resolved unanimously, That *Abraham Yates*, Jr., Esq., *Walter Livingston*, Esq., Col. *Schuyler*, Col. *Ten Broeck*, and Col. *Peter Livingston*, are appointed deputies to represent the City and County of Albany, at the intended Provincial Congress, to be held at the city of New York, the 20th day of April next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent this Colony at the next Congress, to be held at Philadelphia the 10th day of May next.

By order of the Committee,

To Abraham Yates, Esq. JOHN N. BLEECKER, *Clerk.*

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Orange County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 29.]

At an annual Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Cornwal, held at the house of John Brewster, in Blooming Grove, on Tuesday, the 4th of April, 1775.

Jesse Woodhull, Esq., being chosen Moderator and John Brewster, Junr., Clark. The Town then proceeded to take into consideration a letter from the Committee of New York, signed by Isaac Low, Chairman, recommending the choosing of Deputies for the several counties in this Province to meet in Provential Congress, at the city of New York, on the 20th of this instant, for the sole purpose of choosing Deligates to represent this Province in the next General Congress, to be held at Philadelphia, on the 10th of May ensuing, — it was then proposed, whether the matter contained in said Letter should be taken into consideration immediately or postpone to another day, and Debates arising theron, and the question being put, it was carried by a large Majority, that the subjectmatter of said Letter should be immediately considered.

It was then proposed whether a Deputy should be sent from this Precinct or not, and debates arising thereon, it was carried in the affirmative, by a large majority; and Mr. *Israel Seely* was then chosen for the purpose aforesaid, as one of the Deputies for this County.

Attested JESSE WOODHULL.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 31.]

At an annual town meeting held at Goshen, in and for the precinct of Goshen, on Tuesday, the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, it was moved that *Henry Wisner* and *Peter Clowes*, Esqrs.,

be appointed Deputies for this precinct, to meet such Deputies, as shall be appointed by other parts of this Colony, in a Provincial Convention, to be held at the city of New York, on the twentieth day of this instant, April, for the purpose of electing delegates for the next Continental Congress, to be held at Philadelphia, on the tenth day of May next; and upon the question being put, it was unanimously carried in the affirmative.

A true extract from the minutes.

Attest. DANL. EVERETT, *p. t. Clark.*

[Cred. of Del. 24: 45.]

At a town meeting, held for the Precinct of Haverstraw, in the county of Orange, at the New City, on Tuesday, the fourth day of April, 1775. A letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence for the city of New York was read and taken into consideration at this meeting. Whereupon it was

Resolved, 1st. That this meeting do highly approve of a Provincial Convention of Deputies from the different counties, to meet at the city of New York, on the 20th of April inst., for the purpose of choosing delegates for the next General Congress, to be held at Philadelphia, in the month of May next, as the most effectual measure to promote the honor and happiness of this Province, and to unite this Colony in the common cause for the preservation of our Rights and Liberties.

2dly. *Resolved*, That Col. *A. Hawkes Hay*, be and he is hereby appointed a deputy to represent this Precinct at the said Provincial Convention proposed to meet at the city of New York, on the 20th of April inst., and we do hereby authorize and appoint the said Col. A. H. Hay to join with the Deputies that may then and there meet in the appointment of Delegates to represent this Colony at the next Continental Congress, and also to concur with the said deputies in such other measures as may be thought necessary to promote the Honor, and Happiness, and Interest of this Province.

By order of the meeting, GILB^{t}. COOPER, *Clerk.*

[Cred. of Del., 24: 35.]

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Orange in Orange County at the House of Mr. Yoast Mabie in said town, the 17th day of April Anno Domini 1775, agreeable to notice given and request made by Publick Advertisement.

The said meeting taking into their Consideration the necessity of their being duly and properly represented at the next Provincial Convention to be held in the City of New York on the 20th instant, for the purpose of electing and appointing Delegates to represent the Colony of New York at the next Continental Congress to be held in the City of Philadelphia on the 10th day of May next.

The Question being put, whether this meeting shall send a Deputy to represent the said town of Orange at the said Convention. Carried in the affirmative. Whereupon is is

Voted, and *ordered*, that *John Haring*, Esq. be a Deputy for this town, to represent us at the Said Convention; and that he act and Vote for us in all such matters, and things as shall by the said Convention be taken into consideration.

By order of the Meeting,

T. OUTWATER, *Town Clark.*

Call for a Provincial Congress.

[Associations, 30: 182.]

Committee Chamber, New York, April 26, 1775.

Isaac Low (*Chairman*).

Philip Livingston,	Abraham P. Lott,	William Denning,
James Duane,	Abraham Duryee,	Isaac Roosevelt,
John Alsop,	Joseph Bull,	Jacob Van Voorhees,

John Jay,	Francis Lewis,	Jeremiah Platt,
Peter V. B. Livingston,	John Lasher,	Robert Benson,
David Johnston,	Joseph Totten,	John Berrien,
Alexander M'Dougal,	Thomas Ivers,	Nicholas Roosevelt,
William Walton,	Hercules Mulligan,	Edward Fleming,
John Broome,	John Anthony,	John De Lancey,
Joseph Hallet,	Francis Bassett,	Frederick Jay,
Abraham Walton,	Victor Bicker,	William W. Ludlow,
Henry Remsen,	John White,	George Janaway,
Peter T. Curtenius,	Theophilus Anthony,	Rudolphus Ritzema,
Abraham Brasher,	William Goforth,	Lancaster Burling.

Ordered, That it be recommended to the different Counties, to choose Deputies, to meet Deputies from all the Counties in the Province, in General Congress in this City on Monday 22d of May next; carried in the affirmative without one dissenting voice.

CIRCULAR.

Committee Chamber, New York, April 28, 1775.

Gentlemen,

The distressed and alarming situation of our Country, occasioned by the sanguinary measures adopted by the British Ministry, (to enforce which, the Sword has been actually drawn against our brethren in the Massachusetts), threatening to involve this Continent in all the horrors of a civil War, obliges us to call for the united aid and council of the Colony, at this dangerous crisis.

Most of the Deputies who composed the late Provincial Congress, held in this City, were only vested with powers to chose Delegates to represent the Province at the next Continental Congress, and the Convention having executed that trust dissolved themselves: It is therefore thought adviseable by this Committee, that a Provincial Congress be immediately summoned to deliberate upon, and from time to time to direct such measures as may be expedient for our common safety.

We persuade ourselves, that no arguments can now be wanting to evince the necessity of a perfect union; and we know of no method in which the united sense of the people of the province can be collected, but the one now proposed. We therefore entreat your County heartily to unite in the choice of proper persons to represent them at a Provincial Congress to be held in this City on the 22d of May next.—Twenty Deputies are proposed for this City, and in order to give the greater weight and influence to the councils of the Congress, we could wish the number of Deputies from the counties, may be considerable.

We can assure you, that the appointment of a Provincial Congress, approved of by the inhabitants of this city in general, is the most proper and salutary measure that can be adopted in the present melancholy state of this Continent; and we shall be happy to find, that our brethren in the different Counties concur with us in opinion.

By order of the Committee.

ISAAC LOW, *Chairman.*

[Miscellaneous Papers, 34: 153.]

Colony of New York, To Isaac Low, Dr.

To cash p^{d} as follows viz:

To Express from Albany towards Expences going to Philad.,	£3	4
Paid Jn^{o} O. Alen going Express to Albany to give Notice about choosing Deputies,	10	0
Paid Shaver for carrying Express letter to Hartford,	2	10
Paid 7 Cartmen riding King's stores to Turtle Bay,	3	18
	£19	12

GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

[Associations, &c., 30: 1.]

GOSHEN, ORANGE COUNTY, April 29th, 1775.

A General Association, agreed to, and subscribed by the Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Orange in the Province of New York.

PERSUADED that the salvation of the Rights and Liberties of America, depends under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants, in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing the anarchy and confusion which attend a disolution of the powers of Government, WE the Freemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of Orange being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the Ministry, to raise a revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in the Massachusetts-Bay, DO in the most solemn manner resolve never to become Slaves, and do associate under all the ties of Religion, Honour and Love to our Country, to adopt and endeavour to carry into execution whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress or resolved upon by this Provincial Congress for the purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the execution of the several arbitrary and oppressive acts of the British Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great-Britain and America, on constitutional principles, (which we most ardently desire,) can be obtained; and that we will in all things, follow the advice of our respective Committees, respecting the purposes aforesaid, the preservation of Peace, and good order, and the safety of individuals and private Property.

Alex^{r} Smith,
Phinehas Rumsey,
William Heard,
Jonathan Horton,
George Deryee,
Joshua Reeve,
John Case,
John Ketcham, Jun.,
Obadiah Helms,
Wiliam Hubbard,
Joseph Dickson,
Daniel Tooker,
Garrett Duryee,
David Godfrey,
Isaiah Smith,
David Youngs,
Silas Pierson,
Silas Horton,
Gideon Salmon,
Phinehas Salmon,
John Meeker,
Joseph Browne,
Joseph Drake,
Sam^{l} Haines Smith,
John Brown,
David Horton,
Phinehas Heard,
Joseph Conkling,
Benjamin Harlow,
Increase Wyman,
Silas Horton,
Solomon Smith,
Jonathan Smith,
John Cravens,
John King,
John Barker,
Ezra Keeler,
Cuppe Brooks,
Moses Carpenter,
James Aspell,
Samuel Wickham,
Charles Tooker,
John Pain,
Daniel Haine,
Joseph Case,
Benjamin Maeveagh,
John Budd,
Willom Horton,
William Warne,
Hezekiah Warner,
Christopher Springsteen,
Joshua Brown,
Joshua Brown, Jun'r,
Hezekiah Watkins,
Ziba Owen,
Daniel Reeve,
James Manne,
Jonathan Sayre,
William Forbes,
Jn^{o}. Bull,
Rich^{d} Bull.

Refuses to sign this Association.
Isaac Bull, Jno. Myers.

SIGNERS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 26.]

ORANGE TOWN, July 17th, 1775.

Daniel Lawrance,
David Aljea,
David Lawrance,
Albert Aljea,
Edward Briggs,
Gerret his x mark Blawvelt,
Abraham his x mark Post,
Jacob Wilser,
Michal Cornelison,
Jacobus De Klark,
William Martin,
Daniel Voorhes,
Harmanus Talleman, Jun.,
Peter Retau,
John Westervelt,
Johannes Vanhouten,
Johannes Vanhouten, Jun.,
Harman his H T mark Tallema,

Kasparus Conclin, Abraham Onderdunck, John Rycker,
Avery Campbell, Tones Terrell, Jacob Ackerson,
Ram Bell, Abraham Talleman, Adreaen Onderdunck,
Abraham Conclin, Daniel Onderdunck, Conrad Gravenstine,
James his x mark Jacklin, Jacob Conclin, William Bell, Jun., Abraham his x mark Mabei, Jun,
Speedwell Jacklin, Abraham Mabei, John Gissenar, Junr,
Nathaniel Lawrance, Garret Ackerson,

Those Names on the Sheet and above are the Names of the Persons whome have signed the General Association. A true Copy from the Origionel, Takeing and Compared By me,

pr. order of the Committee.
THOMAS OUTWATER, *Chearman.*

These are to Certify that such and every of the Persons herein after named, to wit:

Matthew Steel, Kals Bogard, Jessey Sneeding,
Johannes Perry, Gisebert K. Bogard, Samuel Sneeding,
Isaac G. Blauvelt, Dennes Sneeding, William Sneeding,
Jacob Corª Ackerson, Robert Sneeding, George Man,
Jacob Gissenar,

Inhabitants of the Town of Orange, and every one of them of full age haveing Refused and Neglected to sign the General Association.

pr. order of the Committie
THOˢ OUTWATER, *Chearman.*

Signers of the Association in the said Township, 181.

SIGNERS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 128.]

MINISINK PRECINCT, ORANGE COUNTY, May 24th. 1775.

Johannis Wesbroek, Jun., James Carpenter, Thomas Hart,
petrus Cole, Ruben Jones, Levi Van Etten,
Arthor van Tuyl, Isaac Upthegrave, Petrus Decker,
Wilhelmus wesfael, Anthony Van Etten, Esq., John Van Tuyl,
Jacobus Vanfliet, Jun., Johannis Wesbroek, Daniel Cole,
Aldert oosterhout, Salomon Cuijkendal, Asa Utley,
Johannis Decker, Jun., John Bennet, Solomon kuykendall, jun'r,
Benjamin Cox, Symen Westfal, John Vantuyl,
Moses Kortrecht, martines Decker, Benjamin Corson,
Jacob quik, petrus Kuykendal, Daniel Kortregt,
John prys, Isaac Davis, martynes Decker, Senr
Jacobus Vanaken, Benjm Boman, Joel Wesbrook,
Timothy Wood, Sylvesten Cortreght, Ephraim Middagh,
Benjª Wood, George Quick, Daniel St. John,
Levi Decker, Nehemiah Patison, Esee Brown,
Gamˡˡ Badcock, Jacob Schoonhoven, Abraham Coreles Van aken,
Samˡˡ Davis, Jacobus vanfliet, Jacobus daaves.
Nicolas Slyter, Wilhelmus Cole,

[Associations, &c., 30: 216, 218–224.]

HAVERSTRAW PRECINCT, ORANGE COUNTY, May, 1775.

To Doctr THOª OUTWATER, *Chairman of the Committee, Orange Town:*

The following is a list of the Names of those who have signed this Association, viz.:

Robert Burns, pr. order. Thomas Allison, John Tolen,
Josiph Knap, henry hallsted, John Tolen, Junr.

David Pye, Esq'r,
John Coleman,
John Coe, Esq'r,
Walter Case,
Andrew Ondordonk,
George Polhemus,
Cornelius Paulding,
Abr^{m} Ackerson,
Thunis Snediker,
Dowey Talman,
John Wallace,
Nathaniel Barmore,
Tho^{s}. Morall,
David Hoofman,
Garet Cole,
Nathaniel Towenson,
Peter Salter,
Joseph Wood, Jun^{r},
Harmanus Tallman,
James Paul,
Jermiah Williamson,
Jacob mayer,
Thomas Ramson,
Derick Vanderbilt,
Isaac Dutchor,
John Feltes,
Johanas Ramson,
William Felter,
Thunis Tallman,
Abram Tallman,
Eb^{n} Wood,
John Wallace,
Stephen Stephenson,
John Ferrand,
Garit Mayers,
Abraham Thew,
James Sharp,
Thedorus Snediker,
James Kelly,
John Brush,
Garit Van Clift,
Harmanus Hoofman,
Harmanus Felter,
Johnnas Deramus,
James Hannah,
Tho^{s} Dolphin,
William Bell,
Abr^{m} Polhemus,
Peter Snyder,
Abraham Blawvelt,
Edw^{d} Cane,
Ram Ramson,
Matthew Coe,
Peter Felter,
Stephen Stephenson,
Thunis Tallman,
Andrew Onderdonk,
William Stringham,

Rob^{t} Johnson,
Arry Smith,
John Lent,
James Thew,
Jacob Archer,
Joseph Seamonds,
Dowey Tallman,
Aurt Polhemus,
Jacobus D Clark,
George Ramson,
Luke Stephenson,
Tobias Lawery,
Cobas D Clark,
Daniel De Clark,
Johannes Tenure,
Thunis Tallman,
Samuel Willson,
Henry Tenure, Sen^{r},
Jacob Tenure,
Lenard Bayle,
Tho^{s} Jacks,
Cobbus Clark,
Tho^{s} Willson,
Gilbert Towlar,
Peter Esterly,
Ab^{m} Stag, Jun^{r},
Jacob Seacor,
Isaac Seacord,
Jonah Wood,
Aurt Amerman,
Tho^{s} Osburn,
Rob^{t} Ackley,
Rich^{d} Osburn,
Tho^{s} Dickings,
William Derunde,
John Dunscombe,
Abel Knap,
Jerod Knapp,
Jobail Knap,
Tho^{s} Gilfon,
Alex^{r} Giffon,
Tho^{s} Kingon,
Andrew Ondordonk,
Johannis J Blawvelt,
Johannis Vanderbilt,
Tho^{s} Blawvelt,
Isaac Blawvelt,
Andrew Cole,
Isaac Mannel,
John Clark,
Johannis Blauvelt,
Jonathan Lounsberry,
Powlas Hopper,
Isaac Cole,
Abraham Blauvelt,
Reynard Hopper,
Abraham Brower,
Abraham Koll,

Walter Smith,
Jacob Polhemus,
John Smith,
Petrus Blauwvelt,
Jacobus Van Orden,
Daniel Martine,
Henry Brawer,
Stephen Stephenson,
Tho^{s} Eckerson,
Adarin Onderdonk,
Derike Vanderbilt,
John Smith,
Henry Tornure,
Harmanus Blauwvelt,
John Ackerson,
Alex^{r} Mannell,
Andris Onderdonk,
Rulef Stephenson,
John Vandolson,
Andrew Van Orden,
Derick Van Houten,
John Vanderbilt,
Edw^{d} Ackerman,
Carpenter Kelly,
Jacob Jinkil,
John Martine,
Tho^{s} Kelly,
Garit Ondordonk,
Rulef Ondordonk,
Maickel Ternure,
Johannes Defrees,
Jeremiah Martine,
James Ondordonk,
Powlas Seamonds,
John Vorhese,
Jost Vor Hese,
James Paul,
Edw^{d} Jones,
Johannis Cole,
E. William Kerse,
Jacob Kenifin,
John Hill,
Amos Hutchins,
Petes Kiselar,
Patten Jackson,
Joseph Allison,
Cornellius Cooper,
Gilbert Willson,
Samuel Youmans,
Abraham D Pue,
John Thew,
A Hawkes Hay,
Daniel Morall,
James Seacor,
Paul Kiselar,
Gilburd Crumm,
Adarin Onderdonk,
John Parker,

Garet Paulding,
Thunis Ramson,
Moses Chid Chaster,
John Johnston, Junr.,
Rosevelt V Houten,
Rosevelt Van Houten, Theunis son.
Jacob Onderdonk,
Albard Onderdonk,
Garit Garitson,
John Allison son of Do
Benjamin Knap,
John Ackerman,
John Ellison, Ct son,
Cornellius Ackerson,
Richd Springsteel,
Thunis Van Houten,
Samuel Youmans,
Willvart Cooper,
Johnas Snedeker,
Hendrick Stephens,
Benjamin Benson,
John Persall, Junr.,
Peter Crum,
James Rumsey,
John Parker, Junr.,
Salvanus Mott,
Thos Tillt,
Henry Osburn,
Jacob Parker,
Benjamin Furman,
Isaac Parker,
Patrick Girnee,
Paul Vandervort,
Baverant V Dervort,
John Gardner,
Chs Mott,
Markel Mott,
George Johnston,
Gilbart Hunt,
John De Groote,
John Lorilliord,
John George Lorald,
Robt Allison,
Rolef Van Houten,
Jacob Bartholomew,
Derick Ackerson,
John Springsteel,
Josaph Jones, Junr.,
Powlas Vandervort,
Francis Girnee, Junr.,
Isaac Girnee,
Isaac Girnee, Junr.,
Francis Girnee, Isaacs son,
Daniel Coe,
Nathenail Odle, Junr.,
John Grahm,
John Mead,
John Vandervort,

Daniel Van Sickels,
Albard Stephenson,
Henry Mackrel,
Jonnas Dele,
Paul Persals,
Adam Brady,
John Johnston,
Benjm Allison,
William Concklin,
Abrm Garison,
Klaus Van Houten,
Joseph Allison,
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John Halstad,
Jonathan Taylor,
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Peter Read,
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Thimothy Halstad,
Daniel Parker,
Abraham Deronde,
James Shirley,
Peter Van Houten, Jr,
Peter Van Houten,
Thos fargyson,
Resolvart Van Houten,
Abraham Mayers,
John Mayers,
Cobas Mayers,
Henry Ondordonk,
James Willson,
Daniel Coe,
Johannes Trumper,
Abraham Sarvant,
Walter Van Ordon,
Abraham Haring,
Patrick Gillan,
Isaac Post,
James Wilson, Junr,
George Trumper,
Claas Van Houten,
Samuel Youmans,
Henry Wood,
David Morgan,
Ezekeail Youmands,

Robt Wood,
James Carmelt,
Philip Ackerson,
Thos Goldtrop,
Harmonious Trumper, Junr
William Smith,
John Commings,
Joseph Hunt,
Cornelius Smith,
Benjamin Holstad,
Joseph Johnston,
Albard Cooper,
Stephen Girnee,
Abraham Ondordonk,
Wm Rider,
Jacob Mace,
Andrew Abrames,
Maichel Vandervort,
David Babcock,
James Lame,
Francis Girnee,
Jacob Cooper,
Samuel Knap,
John Suffern,
Abraham Reynolds,
Gashum Huff,
William Crum,
Samuel Coe,
Edwd Holstad,
John Osburn,
John Vandervort,
Jacob Jones,
William Hause,
Isaac Coe,
Peter Burges,
David Holstad,
Ezekail Ward,
David Seacor, Junr
John Seacor,
John Smith, Junr
William Kempe,
Abraham Snyder,
Henry Snyder, Senr
William Snyder,
Henry Snyder, Junr
The Revt. Robt. Burns,
Philip Sarvant,
James Stewart,
Thunis D Clark,
James Smith,
Joseph Concklin,
Maichel Concklin,
Abraham Concklin,
James Girnee,
Edwd Smith,
John Smith,
Isaac Seacor,
David Seacor,

John Hitcock,
Daniel Ward,
Jacob Jones,
Thunis Cuyper, Esq^{r},
Gilbard Cuyper,
John W Cogg,
Garit V Houten,
Gaibrel Fargyson,
Benjamin Coe,
Powlas Vandervort,
Samuel Sidman,
Joseph Jones,
John J Coe,
John Harper,
Garit Ackerson,
Cornellius A. Turk,
William Wood,
Daniel Coe, Jun^{r},
Simond Trump,
Ja^{s} Osburn,
William Youmands,
James Christe,
James Stagg,
Abraham Springsteel,
Harmanus Blawvelt,
Peter Ackerson,
Francis Cline,
Joseph Palmer,
Henry Hauser,
Frederick Urie,

John Ackerson, Stephenson,
David Sherwood,
Stephen Vorhese,
Edw^{d} Ackerson,
Stephen Smith,
Samuel Hunt,
John Jeffries,
Tho^{s} Dinard,
Joseph Seamonds,
John Burges,
John Hoghen Camp,
Abr^{m} Stephenson,
John Stagg,
Stephen Stephenson,
Mad Hull Tenure,
Lamberd Smith,
Peter Smith,
Stephen Stephenson,
Stephen Smith,
Cornelius Ackerson,
John Cuyper,
Aurt Amerman,
William Stephens,
John Slott,
Jacob Blawvelt,
Daniel Smith,
John Smith, Dan^{l} son,
Petras Blawvelt,
William Tremper,
Johannis De Graef,

Joseph D Clark,
Paul Ruttan,
Hermans Snyder,
Philip Kiselor,
Reynard Gerou,
Johannes Blawvelt,
Elly Smith,
John Jersey,
Ruben Hunt,
Cornellus Humor,
Jeremiah Vorhes,
Powlas Kiselar,
Peter Kiselar,
Tobais Derunde,
Jacob Jones,
Jacob Cole,
Siba Banta,
John Noblet,
Johannes Meyer,
Art Ramson,
Theodorius Polhemius,
Johannes Polhemius,
Henderick Polhemius,
Thunes H. Tallema,
Phillip Sarvent,
Adryan Sarvent,
John Cuiper, Junr.
John D. Talleman, 437.

July 11th, 1775, signed the Association & Publish^{d} the Same before all the Spectators Calling them to Witness That we would Not Countenance Rebelion, Nor have No Hand in a Royat, but stand for King, Country, and Liberty, agreeable to the Charter, but at the same time Disallowing texsation in any wise Contrary to the Charter, and Shall neaver Consent to Texsation without being fully Represanted with our Consent.

pr. ISAAC SHERWOOD.

Cornelius Degray,
Alberd Smith,
Cornelius Smith,
Garit Smith,
Daniel Gerow,
Cornelius Benson,
John Palmer,
John Cox,
Harmanus Keselar,
Peter Forshee,
Derick Strawt,

Guysbart Hoghen Camp,
John Smith,
John Darlington,
Johannas Bell,
John Van Horn,
Reynard Quackenbuss,
Arry Blawvelt,
John Rioreback,
Abraham Debaun,
Benior Quackenbuss,
thunis Emmat,

Anthony Crouter,
Jacob Waldron,
Thunis Crumm,
Peter Bush,
Aurther Johnston,
David D. Aekerman,
Benjamin Secore,
Cornellius Smith,
Johannis Forshee,
Reynard House, Jun'r. 33.

The above Subscribers could not be Prevaled upon to sigen the Main or Principall Association (Except, Isaac Sherwood who did conform) but must have one of their own as above. We therefore Leave the matter unto your wise Cousideration whether or no it be right.

This is a true Coppy from the Originall pr. order of the Commite.

JOHN COLEMAM, *Clk.*

A list of the Persons Names who have Neglected or Refuses to sigen the Association, &c. &c.—[Haverstraw.]

Roger Osburn,
James Babcock,
Nathaniel Oddle,
Thompkins Oddle,
Gilbert Johnston,
Guysbert Johnston,
Abraham Smith,
William Babcock,
John Sprinsteel,
Benjamin Osburn,
Thoˢ Ackerson,
Abrᵐ Concklin,
Richᵈ Osburn,
Lewis Concklin,
Lewis Concklin, Junr,
John Concklin, Esq'r,
Joseph Concklin,
Lawrence Van Buskirk,
Jacobus Van Buskirk,
Henry Wanamaker,
Peter Fredrick,
Samuel Banta,
Johannis Rush,
Ezekail Forgyson,
Andrew Haldron,
Peter Jorsay,
Moses Van Nostrant,
George Van Nostrant,
Daniel D Clark, Junr,
Samuel Bird,
Henry Tenyck,
James Lamb, Senr,
Cornelius Crum,
Leverance Johnson,
John Johnston,
Reynard House, Sᵘʳ,
William Dobbs,
James R. Osburn,
John R. Osburn,
Han Urey Bucker,
John George,
Abraham Babcock,
Samuel Matthews,
Benjamin Osburn,
Nathˡ Osburn,
Jost Short, not seen,
John Secore, Junr,
John Secore,
Peter Stephense,
John Weaver,
Coon fridrick,
Henry Assler,
Claus Corlogh,
Adam Deter,
John Dobbs,
Peter Vandervort,
Ezekail Concklin,
Isaac Concklin,
Jacob Sarvant,
Henry Sarvant,
Alexᵈʳ Montgomery, Esqᵘʳ,
Jacob Ackerson,
John Post,
Philip Sarvant,
John Sarvant,
John Crum,
Henry Tenick, Junʳ,
Josaph Heston,
Joseph Knap,
Henry Holstad,
John Rider,
Joseph Rider,
John town, Junʳ,
Samuel Seacor,
Isaac Berea,
James Berea,
William Concklin,
Nichˢ Concklin,
John G. Johnston,
Jacob Tenick,
Isaac J Seacor, not seen.,
Lodwick Shuemaker,
William Winter,
Andris Pallass,
Peter Wanamaker,
Coenrad wanamaker,
Benjamin Ackerman,
Stephen Heyman,
Frederick Post,
Isaac Post,
Abᵐ Post,
Johannis Johnston,
Abrᵐ Johnston,
David Ackerson,
Johnas Lodwick,
John Post, Junʳ,
Dirick Ackerson,
Jost. Buskirk,
Thoˢ Ackerson,
Jacob Waldron, Esqʳ,
John Armstrong.
Edwᵈ Waldron,
Henry Holstad, Jun,
Mathew Ellison,
John Pollan,
Thoˢ Smith,
John town,
Henry Worden,
Andrew Bellis, 108.

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Goshen Precinct, Orange County, May 24th, 1775.

Gilbert Bradner,
Joshua Davis,
William Steward,
James Dolsen,
Daniel Finch,
John Williams,
Hedley Spencer,
Isaac Dolsen,
Richard Jones,
William Wallworth,
Silas Stewart,
Henry Smith,
John Boyle,
Benjᵃ Carpenter,
John Finch,
Zephaniah Drake,
Increse Mather,
Benjamin Meker,
peter mills,
John Vancleft,
james Gardner,
Rob Thompson,
Israel Halley,
John Little,
Matthew Dilling,
William Sealey,
James Reaves,
James Little, Junʳ,
John Vancleft, Junʳ,
John Knap,
Michael Halsted,
Isaac Dolson, Junʳ,
Thomas Angel,
John Smith,
William Huff,
Isack Tracy,
Jonathan Rawson,
Jacob Cole,
Elijah Egars,
William Reed,
Edward David, Juner,
James Hulce,
Daniel David,
William Egger,
Daniel Egger,

Michal Croseman,
Squire Whitaker,
Moses Smith,
Abraham Harding,
Silas Hults,
Robert Thompson, Junr,
Henry David, Junr,
Jonathan David,
Elisha Hults,
George Little,
Benjamin Smith,
James Knap,
James Thompson,
Samuel Cooley,
Benjth Wallworth,
Timothy Smith,
Peter Mann,
Benjamin Whiticher,
David Cooley, Junr
Elnathan Corey,
Henry David,
Nicolas Vantasel,
Zaven Trasey,
Solomon Trasey,
Solomon Rowe,
Samuel finch,
Samuel Read,
Solomon Hoff,
William Hoff,
John Kimbell,
Elias Oldfield,
Landrine Eggers,
Daniel Cooley, junr,
Mark Chambers,
Richard Holsted,
David Cooley,
John Carpenter, smith,
Anning Owen,
Nathaniel Cooley,
Jacob Hulse,
Joseph Oldfield,
Joseph Holsted,
Nathan Roberts,
Sallier David,
Edward David,
John David,
John Shepherd,
John Shepherd, jur,
Anthony Dobbin.

Persons Refusing to Signe, Charles Brannon, Junr, Charles Brunnon.
Colvill Shepherd, Refused to sign this Association.

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Goshen Precinct, Orange County, June 15th, 1775.

Jonathan Coolyerr,
John Forger,
Amos Woolcocks,
John Whiteacor,
David Kendle,
Jachamyah Forger,
Nathaniel Mathers,
Inman Wollon,
Martain Myer,
Benjamin Forgesson,
Samuel Cole,
Joseph Ellet,
Joshua Smith,
John Ellet,
Ebenezer Beer,
Elijah Inman,
James master,
William Morris,
Daniel Rozegront,
James Cleark,
John Cannaday,
John Davis,
Micael Duning,
Joseph Wilson,
David Lowren,
James Scoonover,
James Steward,
Moses Whitehead,
Joseph Stoddard,
John Myars,
John Morroson,
James Stewart,
Hezaciah Lowren,
Samuel West Brook,
Jacob Cole,
George Cimble,
Anthony Westbrook,
Nathan Dembleton,
William Dill,
Benjamin Cole,
Joshua Hill,
Cristopher Myas,
James Steward,
Daniel Myas,
Elias Cleark,
Cornelias Myas,
Abraham Jonston,
Alexander Campbell.

Goshen Precinct, Orange County, June 8, 1775.

Jeremiah Smith, Senior,
Gershom owen.
Solomon Finch,
John gerner,

Goshen Precinct, Orange County, June 21, 1775.

Cap. Nethaniel Roe,
Lieut. John Jackson,
Lieut. John Wood,
Engr Daniel Drake,
Daniel Hall,
Andrew Miller,
James pershall,
John Kimmer,
Asa Vail,
Anthony Swortwood,
Benjamin Halsted,
David Stephans,
Jeremiah Trickey,
Nethaniel Knap, Senr,
Joseph Chilson,
Nathan Baily,
Nathaniel Baily,
Solomon Smith,
Thomas Denton,
Silas Hally,
Moses Swotwood,
Joseph Hally,
Jacobus Tid,
Abel Jackson,
Richard Allison,
Matthew Terrel,
Michael Brooke,
Samuel Harmon,
Benjamin Still,
Ebenezer Hally,
Jabis Knap,
Nethaniel Allison,
Nethaniel Knap, Junr,

Bezaliel Seely,	Benjamin Dunning,	Hugh Fulton,
Benjamin Jackson,	Zephaniah Kely,	William Knap,
David Miller,	Ass Derba,	Joshua Howell,
Fransis Gills,	Daniel Hally,	Samuel Titus,
George Howel,	Samuel Satterly,	Gilbert Aldridge,
Henry Dobbin,	Moses Clarke,	David Mapes,
John M°Dowel,	Joshua Drake,	Joshua Hubart,
James Mosier,	William Vail,	Oliver Smith,
Jonathan Hallock,	William Helms,	willam Kinner,
James Kinner,	Wate Smith,	David Howell, Jun'r,
Peter Townsend,	James Hambelton,	John Armstrong,
John Miller,	James Miller,	Zacheous Horton,
Joshua Hallock,	Stephen Jackson,	Peter Barlow,
John Gardner,	Joseph Smith,	John Howell,
John Rhodes,	Joseph Beckar,	John Baily,
John Mory,	Isaac Smith,	Phinies Parshall,
John Feegels,	Cain Mehanny,	Joshua Wells.

Exempts.

Daniel Denton,	David Benjamin,	Jesse Owen,
John Roe,	Oliver Arnold,	Amoriah Fuller,
Alexander Jackson,	Thomas Beeach,	James Forgas,
Jonas Denton,	Hugh Dobben,	Alexander Coye,
Joseph Grummon,	Jonathan archey,	William Chambers,
Daniel Hally,	Hennerey jayne,	Samuel Baly,
John Kinner,	Uriah Satterle,	Isaac Cooley,
Isaac Rhodes,	Nathaniel Sutten,	Abijah Yelverton,
Bernabas Horton,	Richard Green,	Isaac Rhodes, Jun'r.,
William Fullerton,	Hoape Roads,	Charles Durland,
Nehemiah Carpenter,	gilbirt Othonill,	James Smith,
Samuel Wells,	georg his x mark. Davis,	William Drake,
antoney Sworthout, Sen'r,		John Springsteed,
James Howell,	James Hannes,	James Drake,
Nathan Baley,	Jacob Swothout,	William Jackson.

The persons who Refused to Sign the within Association in the precinct of Goshen are as follows:

Matthew Dillon, farmer,	David Howell, Jur., Do	Ede Newberry, Do
Nehemiah Baily, farmer,	John Newberry, Do	

SIGNERS.

Goshen Precinct, Orange County, June 16, 1775.

Elisha Horton,	Samuel Maffet,	Joseph Coleman,
Daniil Case,	Nathaniel Tuthill,	John Clark,
David Moore,	Joseph Coleman,	Stephen Conkling,
Abraham Springsteen,	Jonathan Coleman,	Phinehas Case.

The names of those persones who Refuse to sine the Association.
Christopher Springstead.

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Cornwal Precinct, July 8th, 1775.

To the Hon. P. V. B. Livingston, President of the Hon. Provential Congress, now setting in New York, or in his absence to the President Pro tempore in Congress:

Gentlemen

The Committee of this Precinct has, according to the Resolve of your Honorable Board of the 29th of May last, offered the Association to every person within

their limits that they could, and that were proper subjects to offer it to and have here inclosed it signed by a large Majority.

the Non Signers are entered on the back of the Paper.

by order of the Committee,
THOMAS MOFFAT, *Clk.*

[Associations, &c., 30: 38.]

CORNWELL, ORANGE COUNTY, April & May, 1775.

William Seely,
James Miller,
William Satterly,
David Rumsey,
John Rumsey,
Jacob Aldrich,
John Satterly,
Joshua Corey,
John Corey,
Zephaniah Huff,
William Marshal,
James Mapes,
Thomas Mapes,
Jonas Bellows,
Caleb Coleman,
Coleman Curtus,
David Rogers,
David Jones,
Jeremiah Butler,
James Pindal,
James Harvard, 21.

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CORNWAL PRECINCT, ORANGE COUNTY.

John Brewster, Jun.,
Silas Benjamin, Jun.,
James Tuthill,
Benjamin Lester,
Brewster Helme,
Jacob Cooleman,
Smith Clark,
Thomas Clark,
William Brown,
Asahel Coleman,
David Beggs,
Phinehas Helmes,
John McWhorter,
Roger Barton,
Samuel Ketcham,
Josiah Pell,
John Pell, Junr,
Obadiah Thorn,
alaver youmans,
Stephen youmans,
alomuel sheldon,
Timothy Brewster.
Abraham Ketcham,
Isaac Brown,
Daniel devew,
Abrahm locc,
Samuel Ketcham, Jun.,
Benjamin Ketcham, Junr,
Benjamin Ketcham,
John maps,
Joseph Morrell,
Joseph Ketcham,

Non Signers.

Isaac Howell,
John Veltman.
Thomas Coleman,
Samuel Rockwell,

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[Associations, &c., 30: 297.]

CORNWEL PRECINCT, ORANGE COUNTY.

Silus Youngs,
Silas Youngs, Juner.,
Samuel Racket,
Reuben Youngs,
Micah Colman,
Ephraim Clark,
Abimael Youngs, Junr,
John Smith,
Benjamin Maps,
Bethuel Maps,
Isaac Cooley,
Gershm Clark,
John Callay,
Patrick Cashaday,
Timothy Little,
James Little,
Isaiah Mapes,
Israel Hodges,
Samuel Knights,
Isaiah Huell,
Thomas Sullivan,
Zopheniah Howell,
Joseph Willcox,
Timothy Smith, Junr,
Thadies Seely,
George Baitmin,
Richard Horaman,
Benjamin Gregory,
Josiah Seely,
Nehemiah Clark,
William Nicholson,
his
John o McCarty,
mark.
John Seely,
Samuel Mapes,
John Marvin,
James Davison,
Id Bn Craft,
Nathanel Sayre, Juner,
David Clark,
his
Thomas x Clark, Junr,
mark.
Justis Stevens,
David Stevens,
Jonathan Stevens,
Jonathan Hallack,
John Perham,
John Burges.
Robert Burges,
William Hunter,
Archibald little, Juner.,
Jonas Seely,
Daniel Mapes,
his
Patriek x Oday,
mark.
Smith Mapes,
Luther Stewart,
James Sayre, Junr,
Job Sayre,
Aaron Howel,

Israel Seely,
James Sayre,
Nathaniel Seely,
Israel Seely, Juner,
Nathan marvin,
Isaac Cooley, Jun.,
Samuel Gilson,
Jesse Marvin,
Jesse Seely,
Solomon Little,
Jesse Teed,
Benjamin Budd,
Absalom Townsend,
Silas his x mark. Benjaman,
John his x mark. Benjaman,
Barnabas Many,
James hall,
Silas his x mark. Hall,
John his x mark. Kelly,
Paul Howell,
Silas Howell,
John Carpenter,
Benjamin Carpenter,
Birdsey young,
Tithy Carpenter,
Joseph Carpenter, Juner,
Aaron Howel, Juner,
Willian King,
Isaac Bower,
Bezaleel Seely, 91.

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A List of of the Non Signers:

Silas BaGly, 1.
James Jurdin, 2.
Robart M^{c}Adew, 3.
Josiah Gilbirt, 4.
Ebenezer Seely, 5.
Thomas Cain, 6.

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[Associations, &c., 30: 301, 304.]

Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, May 15th, 1775.

Silvanus White,
John Wood,
James Peters,
Daniel Coleman,
Thomas Moffat,
James Matthews,
John Brewster,
Samuel Smith,
William Rae,
Christiver Vanduzer,
David Mandevil,
Isaac Vanduzar, Juner,
Joseph Smith,
Vin^{t} Mathews,
Jacob Clark,
Jesse Woodhull,
Joseph Wood,
Nathan Brewster,
Obadiah Smith,
Archibald Little,
Jonathan Brooks,
Nathaniel Satterly,
Stephen Gilbert,
Elihu Marvin,
Seth Marvin,
Elihu Marvin, Junr,
Hezekiah Howell, Jun^{r},
Patrick McLaughlin,
Elijah Hedden,
Samuel Moffat, Jr,
Robarg Greag,
Thaddeus Coley,
Hugh Mury,
Samuel Bartlet,
William McLaughlin,
Dennis Colly,
William Owen,
Naniad Curtise,
Silvanus Sayles,
Silas Coleman,
Elijah Green,
Mathew Sweny,
Hugh Gregg,
Jonathan tuthill,
Isaac Brewster,
Francis Tuthill,
franss Drake,
Ebenezer Woodhull,
Charick Vanduzen,
Zachariah Dubois,
Nathan^{l} Strong,
Azariah Martin,
Francis Brewster,
Daniel Tuthill,
Hezekiah Howell,
Samuel Moffat,
Thomas Hulse,
Richard Collingwood,
Silvanus Halsey,
Selah Satterly,
Joel Tuthill,
Henry Brewster,
Samuel Tuthill,
Thomas Horton,
Stephen Halsey,
James Halsey,
Hanes Bartlet,
James Haff,
Stephen Hulse,
George Whitaire,
Daniel Curtis,
Eleazer Luse,
Henry Mapes,
Nathan Strong,
Benjamin Tuthill,
Timothy Corwin,
Henry Brewster, Jur,
Peter Lamoureux,
Luke Lamoureux,
Peter Lamoureux, Junr, 81.

A List of those that Refused to Sign:

Isaac Reeve,
Simon Rumsey.

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[Associations, &c., 30: 305, 308.]

Cornwal Precinct, Orange County, June, 1775.

Abram Butler his x mark.
Joshua Burwell,
Zachariah Brenell,
Joha M^{c}Clean his x mark.
Jacob Browne,
Solomon Conwell,
Maurice Hearen.
Austin Smith,
Joseph Vannote,
Richard Earll,

Sam[l] Seely,
Joseph Lamoureux,
James Smith,
Henry Dieu, Sen[r],
Reuben Talen,
Joshua Lanckstar,
Richard Drake,
Isaac Lammorex,
John Lamoreux,
John Earll,
Peter Eall,
Solomon Lewis,
Jn° Wright Clarke,
Daniel Rumsey,
Benjamin Earll,
William Conklin,
Thomas Tuthill,
John Brook. 27.

Non Siners:

[Associations, &c., 30: 307.]

William Wood,
John M[c]Cay,
Theofilus Wood,
Thomas Brigs,
Benjamin Levereg,
Oliver Paterson.

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[Associations, &c., 30: 310, 316, 317.]

CORNWAL PRECINCT, ORANGE COUNTY.

Joseph Reeder,
John Reeder,
William Reader,
Joseph Reeder, Jun[r],
Josiah Reeder,
Eleazer Taylor,
Peter Reeder,
Stephen Reeder,
Jacob Reeder,
Silas Peirson,
Silas Peirson, Jun[r],
Richard Coelman,
Francis Drake, Juner,
Benoni Brock,
Justus hulse,
Stephen Howell,
William Bradly,
Nathaniel Peas,
Charles Howell,
Eliezer Tailor, by order,
William Cook,
Tho[s] Chatfield,
James Wilkins,
Stephen Sayles,
William Moffat,
Isaac Moffat,
John Moffat,
Daniel Smith,
Francis Vantine,
Daniel Jones, (or, Toms),
Alexander Fulton,
Thomas Lenington,
John Brooks,
Samuel Smith,
Thomas Smith,
Jesse Brewster,
Joseph Chandler,
John Moffat,
Michael kelley,
Jacob White,
William Gregg,
Samuel Reeder,
Abraham Cooley,
Sieah Tucker,
Isaac Tucker,
George Everson,
Thomas Everson,
John Woodhull Tuthill,
Joseph Davis,
Nathaniel Jayne,
Stephen Jayne,
Daniel Jayne,
Joseph Hildreth,
Philip Miller,
Reuben Tucker,
Adam Miller,
John Carpenter,
Elijah Carpenter,
W[m] Carpenter,
David Wilson,
Peter Lowrie,
Elisha Smith,
Isaac Tobias,
David Bloomfield,
Gilbert Roberts,
Joseph Halstead,
Aaron De Grauw,
Laurance farguson,
Jonathan Dubois,
Amos Wood,
Daniel Harressen,
William Bishop,
Lewis Donnovan,
Benjamin Corey,
Samuel Smith,
John Close,
Frederick Tobias,
John faren,
John Pride,
gilbet Weekes,
Isaac Vanduser, the third,
Joseph Collings,
John Bran,
William Ovens,
Neal Anderson,
Robert Brock,
William Bartlet,
James Mitchell,
Neal Anderson,
James Stought,
James Overton,
Benjamin Jayne,
John Carpenter,
Moses Strain,
Joseph Petterson,
James M[c]Clughin, 44.
Calep Ashley,
Thomas Gregg,
William Hodge,
Benjamin Chidester,
gacob vanduzer,
James M[c]guffack,
Jacob Devo,
Andrew Stuart,
Silas Curwin,
Thomas Willett,
Henry Atwood.
Isaek Vanduzer,
Thomas Linch,
Samuel Strong,
William Ayres, 45.
Zebulon Birchard,
John Lightbody,
Andrew Lightbody,
Gabriel Lightbody,
Isaac Lightbody,
James Lightbody,
James Moore,
Benjamin Thorne,
John Parker,
Daniel Thorne,
Robert Height,

John Leonard,
Joshua Philips,
Thomas Collings,
Nathan Birchard,
Timothy Wood, 38.

[Associations, &c., 30: 321, 322.]

ORANGE COUNTY, JUNE, 1775.

thomas powel,
John willems,
Danel Miller,
thomes Horley,
Segidah Dilkens,
Joseph gold,
Zackes horten,
Samuel hounde,
Willem Howard,
hanry Defenport,
Israel Osmun,
Ezekiel Osmun,
Francis Bourk,
Jonas garrison,
Samuel Robbens,
William Pendall,
John Daves,
hanry hall,
thomas Smith, upon Clove,
Aaron miller,
John miller,
willem Coper,
Samuel lous,
Jacop lous,
Archbell Cuningham,
JaCop Comten, Senior,
JaCop Comten,
thomas Cooper,
James Galloway,
tobias wagent,
willem Clarck,
Abner Thorp,
James lous,
abraham Sneden,
John Johnson,
nathel bigs,
Aden belsner,
Arche Concham, Jouner,
George Galloway,
Thomas oliver,
oen roblen,
John roblen,
John Smith,
John Car,
Edward Roblen,
Daniel Stage,
garit miller,
Isaac Horton,
John his x mark. pilhgenli,
garit Miller junr,
Daved lanster,
Hugh McDonel,
William Horton,
Joshua Miller,
James Wilks,
James Wilks, Junr,
Richard Wilks,
bengeman his x mark. miller,
James miller,
Asa Buck,
William Bell,
Zophar Teed,
John ball,
willem his x mark. tomson,
roberd miller,
Benjamin Cullay,
John Johnston,
John McKelvy,
Hermey his x mark. Dier,
John Waggon, his x mark.
John Wagent,
Benjamin goldsmith,
Joseph Miller,
willem his x mark. Comten,
phillep roblen,
Joseph Stevens,
Timothe oens,
Samuel Hall.

Non Signers.

Saul Smith,
James Smith,
George Leonard,
Jacob ball,
nap Smith,
Sol tomsen,
David Smith,
Aaron Cunningham,
John Dave.

SIGNERS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 326, 329, 332.]

ORANGE COUNTY.

Thomas Smith,
Daniel Chapman,
John Jee,
Mathias Tison,
Silas Reynolds,
John Arkils,
Vincent Helme,
John Woolly,
John Earll, Junr,
James Arnold,
Peter Stevens,
Daniel Standly,
Daniel Adams,
william blodget,
James uncls,
David Miller,
Peter Reynolds,
Thomas powel,
Benjamin pringle,
Zabud June,
henry kuningham,
Daniel prindel,
Enos prindle,
Fransis Smith,
Thomas Dearin,
Calvin hurd,(?)
Henry Reynolds,
David June,
Oliver Devenport,
Jeremiah Fowler,
Nathan June,
Thomas Lamoree,
Micah Seaman,
Fanton Horn,
James Tuttle,
Thomas Devenport,
Oliver Devenport,
Robert Devenport,
John Florance,
Francis Miller,
thomas Gilbert,
Jonathan Earll,
John Haman,
Alexander Johnson,
Samuel Earll,

Patriek Ford
John Bourke,
Amos Miller,
William Miller,
Amos Milles,
John Carter,
Silas Mills, Jun'r,
David Southerland,
Charles field,
Jonas Smith,
Henry Mandevill,
Jacob Mandevill,
Francis Mandavill,
James Plumstid,
Sam[ll] Whitmore,
Amos Whitmore,
Andrew Southerland,
James Southerland,
David Southerland, 3[d],
Alexander Southerland,
John Southerland,
David Sotherland,
George Everit,

Rich[d] Sheldon,
Chester Adams,
Martin Clark,
John Celley,
Joseph Canfield,
Benjamin Canfield,
John Canfield,
Siga Canfield,
Richard Langdon,
Stephen Peet,
John Cronkhite,
Andrew Sherwood,
William Sherwood,
Cormwell Sands,
Stephen Clark,
joseph plumsted,
Reuben Clark,
John Wood,
Stephen Wood,
Amos Travis,
Uriah Crawford,
John Lamson,

Gideon Florence,
Alexander Galloway, 54.

Sam[ll] Raymond,
Uriah Wood,
Amos Wood,
Benjamin Wood,
John Woods,
Daniel Wood,
Joseph Cupper,
Joseph Canfield, Jun[r],
francses Welton,
John Jackson Hammond,
Solomon Files,
William Duglas,
Pat[k] M[c]Donall,
Elijah Barton,
Benjamin Quackenbush,
William White,
James Scoldfield,
Thomas Porter,
Jacob Vanduzer, 57.

Refuse to sine.

David Sands,
Nathaniel Sands,

Benjamin Burling,
Moses Clark,

Langford Thorn,
William Roley.

Non Signers in Cornwel Precinct.

[Associations, &c., 30: 10.]

1. Silas Bagley.
2. James Jurdin.
3. Robert M[c]Adew.
4. Josiah Gilbert.
5. Eben[r] Seely.
6. Thomas Cain.
7. Simon Rumsey.
8. Josiah Reeve.
9. William Wood.
10. John M[c]Cay.
11. Theofiles Wood.
12. Thomas Briggs.
13. Benjamin Leveredg.
14. Oliver paterson.
15. Saul Smith.
16. James Smith.
17. George Leonard.
18. Belknap Smith.
19. Sol[m] Tomson.
20. David Smith.
21. Aaron Cuningham.
22. John Dave.
23. David Sands.
24. Nathan[l] Sands.
25. Benj[a] Burling.
26. Moses Clark.
27. Langford Thorn.
28. William Roley.
29. Isaac Howell.
30. Thomas Coleman.
31. Sam[l] Rockwell.
32. John Veltman.

Signers — 31, 91, 81, 27, 78, 57, 38, 21, 54, 45, 44. Total, 567.

Newburgh Return.

[Associations, &c., 30: 232, 238.]

To the gentlemen of the Provincial Congress Now Assembled at New-York.

At a meeting of the precinct of New-Burgh on thursday the 6[th] of July, 1775. In Complyance with the Resolve of the provincial Congress of New-York Requesting us by the 15[th] of this Instant to make a Return, of the associators together with those that have Not. —— we Lament Jentlemen that it is our unhappiness that there is such a Number of the Latter and a Number among them who are the most daring Presumtuous Villains often threatning Live, properties and Individuals Damning Congresses and Committees Declaring they will Join our Enemies if oppertunity Presents and by the general Spirit they Discover we conceive ourselves Exposed to their Bloody Principles unless some method can be fallen upon, for the Preventing

them in Carrying into Execution, their Wicked design, which we Submitt to your wisdom, Conceiving ourselves Safe under your wise Protection.

Inclosed you have a List of the Names of those that have associated and those that have not.

By order of the Committe,
WOLVERT ECKER, *Chairman.*

The Names of those Persons that Signed the Assosiation.

Coll. Jonathan Hasbrouck,
Thomas Palmer,
Isaac Belknap,
William Darling,
Wolvert Ecker,
John Belknap,
John Robinson,
Samuel Clark,
Benjamin Birdsall,
Joseph Coalman,
Benjamin Smith,
James Waugh,
Abel Belknap,
Moses Higby,
Henry Cropsey,
William Harding,
Joseph Belknap,
John Stratton,
Lewis Slott,
Samuel Hallock,
Samuel Sprague,
Nicholas Stevens,
Johannis Snider,
Benjamin Robinson,
Andrew Sprague,
Benjamin Robinson,
Thomas Beaty,
Solomon Buckingham,
William Bowdish,
Jonathan Belknap,
Jacob Tremper,
Abraham Smith,
Cornelius Wood,
John Lawrence,
George Hack,
John Shaw,
Cornelius Hasbrouck,
Isaac Demott,
James Demott,
Harmanus Ryckman,
David Smith,
Amasa Mathews,
John Stratton,
Absalom Case,
Joseph Dunn,
John Tremper,
Charles Willet,
Jeremiah Dunn,
William Lawrence,
Joseph Hallett,

John Wandle,
Abel Thrall,
Burroughs Holems,
Samuel Bond,
Thomas Campbel,
James Casman,
Lewis Clark,
Jonathan Swett,
Ruben Tooker,
David Belknap,
Daniel Birdsall,
Robert Lockwood,
Benjamin Knap,
Samuel Westlake,
Josiah Ward,
Silas Gardner,
Jacob Gillas,
William Kerscaden,
Robert Kerscaden,
James Denton,
Jeremiah Hoel,
John Foster,
Hope Mills,
John Casman,
William Weir,
Thomas Fish,
William Lawrence, Jun^r.,
John Kernaghan,
James Stickney,
Robert Hanmer,
Robert Ross,
John Crowle,
Obadiah Weeks,
Francis Hanmer,
William Bloomer,
Abraham Garrison,
James Marston,
Samuel Gardner,
Anning Smith,
Jacob Winner,
Tunis Dolson,
Richard Albertson,
Benjamin Lawrence,
Jacob Morewise,
Richard Bucingham,
Daniel Morewise,
Jonathan Owen,
Ichiel Clark,
Ruben Holems,
Nathaniel Colman,

Leonard Smith, Jun^r,
Henry Smith,
James Wooden,
Thomas Smith,
Caleb Chase,
David Guen,
John Diver,
John Stillwill,
Luff Smith,
John Gates,
Benjamin Darby,
Israel Smith,
Thadeus Smith,
Jacob Myers,
Lemuel Coneklin,
Isaac Brown,
Peter Tilton,
John Donaghy,
Stevanis Stephenson,
John Griggs,
Samuel Smith,
Jeremiah Ward,
William Ward,
William Rusel,
Phineas Curwin,
Moses Hunt,
Samuel Sand, Esq^r,
Jacob Coneklin,
Joseph Price,
John Saunders,
George Westlake,
Burgar Wygan,
Tunis Dolson,
Tunis Kesler,
Hugh Quigley,
Daniel Darby,
Isaac Brown, Jun^r,
Hezekiah Wyatt,
William Whitehead,
Daniel Goldsmith,
Nathaniel Weed,
John Weed,
David Duboice,
Arthur Smith,
Isaac Fowler, Ju^r,
Stephen Outman,
Samuel Stratton,
Joseph Carpenter,
William M^cCannon,
Daniel Thurstin.

Eli Pixley,
William Oliphant,
Nehemiah Taylor,
Robert Waugh,
Higgins Concklin,
Robert Beaty, Jur
Abraham Johnson,
Silas Spery,
James Clark,
David Mills,
Caleb Coffin,
James Harris,
Thomas Hagaman,
William Dunn,
Nehemiah Carpenter,
Leonard Smith,
William Day,
George Leonard,
Elnathan Foster,
Stephen Albertson,
Neal M^cLean,
William Palmer,
William Albertson,
John M^cGriger,
William Mitchel,
Silas Leonard,
Martin Wygan,
William Foster,
William Willson,
William Stillwill, Jur
Peter Dannally,
Charles Tooker,
Paul Pinkim,
John Fowler,
Daniel Rudgard,
Daniel Clark,
Isaac Donalson,
William Concklin,
Charles Tooker,
John Smith,
Isaac Fowler,
William Wright,
William White,
Daniel Kniffin,
Gillird Cons,
Thomas Orr,
Robert Morrison,
John Dolson,
Leonard Lewis.

[Associations, &c., 30: 236.]

The Names of those Persons who have not Signed the assosiation.

Nehemiah Fowler,
Thomas Fowler,
Stephen Wiggins,
Isaiah Purdy,
Gilbert Purdy, v,
Nathan Purdy,
John Wiggins, v,
Jonathan Pine,
Samuel Fowler, v,
Joseph Cope,
James Leonard, v,
Morris Flewwelling,
Joseph Headley,
Benjamin Lewis, Boatman,
Daniel Dorland,
Daniel Denton, v,
Daniel Denton, Jur
Nathan Purdy, Jur
Daniel Purdy,
Daniel Purdy, Jur
Stephen Wood, v,
Abel Flewwelling, v,
Joseph Penny,
John Hendrick,
Isaac Barton, v,
William Roach,
David Horton,
Theophilas Moger,
Jonas Totton, v,
Hazael Smith,
Anthony Beattlebron, v,
Jonathan Brundrige,
Daniel Hains, v,
Peter Aldrige,
Daniel Runnels,
John Flewwelling, v,
George Merritt, v,
John Morrell,
Adam Patrick,
Moses Knap,
Jacob Fay,
David Wyatt,
Gabriel Travis, v,
James Perry,
John Wiggins, Jur
Samuel Denton,
James Patterson,
David Gedney,
Joseph Gedney,
Joseph Gedney, Jur
Daniel Gedney, v,
George Devoll,
Thomas Orr, Jur
George Elmes,
John Elemes.

Those marked (v,) have on the 14th July, 1775, sworn to abide by the measures of the Continental Congress, &c.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Suffolk county.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 19.]

At a meeting of the Committees of the different towns in the County of Suffolk, at the County Hall, it was unanimously voted and agreed that Col. *William Floyd*, Coll. *Nathaniel Woodhull*, Coll. *Phineas Fanning*, *Thomas Tredwell*, *John Sloss Hubbard and Thomas Wickham* Esqrs. — be appointed, and we do appoint them accordingly, Deputies, on the part, and in behalf of this County, to meet the Deputies of New York and the other Counties within this Province in a provincial Convention at the City of New York, the twentieth of April instant (as recommended in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee in said City) There to unite with the other deputies in appointing delegates to attend the Continental Congress at Philadelphia or Elsewhere in May next: And we do further impower the said deputies to unite with the other Deputies in provincial Convention, in Entering into such Resolves, and giving such instructions to the delegates that shall be there

chosen, as in their judgment shall tend to the preservation of the rights and liberties of America, and to restore peace and Harmony between great Britain and the Colonies.

Signed by order of the Meeting
ROBERT HEMPSTED, *Chearman.*

Dated Suffolk County Hall 6th April 1775.

Appointment of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Westchester county.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 25.]

White Plains, in the County of Westchester the 11th day of April 1775.

On the 28th day of March last, the following Gentlemen having received letters from the Chairman of the Committee of the City and County of New York relative to the appointment of Deputies for this County, met at this place for the purpose of devising means for taking the Sense of this County upon the Subject. Viz:

Col Lewis Morris,	Theodosius Barlow, Esq.,
Thomas Hunt,	William Sutton, Esq.,
Abraham Leggot,	Capt. Joseph Drake,
James Horton, Jr. Esq.,	James Willis,
Stephen Ward,	Benjamin Drake,
Abraham Guion, Esq.,	Moses Drake.

who having taken the Same into consideration, agreed to send the following notification to the principal freeholders in the different Towns and districts in the County, viz—

March 28th 1775.

"Sir. A number of gentlemen from different districts in the county of Westches-"ter having this day met at the White Plains to Consider of the most proper method "of taking the Sense of the *Freeholders*, of the Said County, upon the Expediency "of choosing Deputies to meet the Deputies of the other Counties, for the pur-"pose of Electing delegates to represent this Colony in the General Congress to be "held at Philadelphia on the 10th of May next, are of opinion that the best way of "proceeding for that purpose, will be to have a general Meeting of the Freeholders "of the Said County.

"As this County is very Extensive we take the liberty of recommending the meet-"ing to be held at the White Plains on Tuesday the 11th day of April next at ten "o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House, and therefore do desire you, to give "notice of the Same to all the freeholders in your district, without exception, as "those who do not appear and vote on that day, will be presumed to acquiesce in "the Sentiment of the majority of those who vote.

We are &c."

The above notice having been generally given and distributed, a very numerous body of the Freeholders of the County assembled at the Court House at the White Plains, on this day, and chose, Col. Lewis Morris for their Chairman.

An inconsiderable number of Persons (among whom were many tenants not entitled to a vote) with Isaac Wilkins, Esq., and Col. Philipse at their head, then appeared, and Mr. Wilkins in their behalf as he said, declared that they would not join in the business of the day or have anything to do with Deputies or congresses, but that they came there, for the sole purpose of protesting against such illegal and unconstitutional proceedings, after which they departed.

The following Question was then put to the people by the chairman, viz:

"Whether they would appoint Deputies for this county, to meet the Deputies of "the other counties at the city of New York on the 20th of April instant, for the "purpose of electing delegates to represent this colony in the general congress to "be held at Philadelphia on the 10th day of May next."

To which Question they unanimously answered that they would.

They then appointed the following eight persons, or the majority of them, to be the deputies of this county, for the purposes aforesaid, viz:

Col. *Lewis Morris*,
Stephen Ward,
Samuel Drake Esq.,
Col. *James Holmes*.
John Thomas, Jr. Esq.,
Jonathan Platt, Esq.,
Robert Graham Esq.,
Major *Philip Van Cortlandt*.

The two following Resolves were then unanimously Entered into, viz:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Body be given to the virtuous minority of the general Assembly of this Province, and particularly to John Thomas and Pierre Van Cortlandt, Esqrs., two of our representatives for their firm attachment to and zeal, on a late occasion for the preservation of the Union of the Colonies and the rights and liberties of America; and that this Resolve be communicated by the chairman, to every gentleman of whom that minority consisted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this country is due to the delegates who composed the late congress for the Essential Services they have rendered to America in general, and that this Resolve be forthwith published.

After the business of the day was thus concluded, the people gave three Huzzas for our gracious Sovereign and dispersed quickly without the least disorder.

LEWIS MORRIS, *Chairman*.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial convention from Ulster county.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 39.]

At a meeting of the committees of the Several towns and Precincts in the county of Ulster, elected and appointed to meet, nominate and appoint Deputies for said county to serve in Provincial Convention at the city of New York on the 20th of April instant, or at Such other Time and Place as may be agreed on for that purpose, held at New Paltz in the county aforesaid the 7th day of April 1775.

PRESENT,

For *Kingston:*
Capt. Johannes Snyder,
Abraham Van Kneure,
Egbert Dumont Esq.

For *New Paltz:*
Johannes Hardenbergh,
Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr.
Joseph Hasbrouck,
Andries Le Fever,
Abraham Donaldson, Esq.,
Peleg Ransom.

For *Hanover:*
Charles Clinton,
Arthur Parks,
Alexander Trimble,
James Latta.
Capt. Jacob Newkirk,
William Jackson,
Henry Smith.

For *New Burgh:*
Col Jonathan Hasbrouck,
Thomas Palmer,
Woolvert Acker,
John Belknap.

For *Hurley:*
Col Johannes Hardenbergh,
Matthew Ten Eyck.

For *Marbletown:*
Levi Pawling Esq.
Jacob De Lemeter,
Cornelius E. Wynkoop.

For *Shawengonk:*
Major Johannes Hardenbergh,
Jacob Smedes,
Lewis Gasherie.

For *Walkill:*
Abimael Young,
James Wilkin.

For *New Windsor:*
Robert Boyd. Jr.,
Samuel Brewster,
John Nicholson.

For *New Marlborough:*
Benjamin Carpenter., Esq.,
Lewis Dubois,
Joseph Morey,
Abijah Perkins,
Silas Purdy,
Henry Ter Boss.

Col Johannes Hardenbergh was chosen Precedent, and the business of the day being opened, *Charles De Witt*, *George Clinton*, and *Levy Pawling* Esquires, were nominated, and unanimously elected and appointed Deputies for the said county, to Serve in Provincial convention at the city of New York on the 20th day of Aprit instant, or at such other Time or Place as may be agreed on for the Purpose of chusing delegates to represent this colony in General congress to meet at the city of Philadelphia on the 10th day of May next, or at such other Time and Place as may be agreed on for that purpose, with full power to declare the sense of this county relative to the Grievances under which his Majesty's American Subjects labor, and of the measures pursuing and to be pursued for obtaining Redress, and to join with the Deputies for the other counties and cities in this colony at such Provincial convention, in instruction to the delegates, so as by them to be appointed, if they shall esteem it necessary.

Ordered that the same be signed by the President.

JOHANNES HARDENBERGH.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 14.]

ROCHESTER, *April 7th*, 1775.

Gentlemen,

When the Deputies of the several towns and precincts met Friday last, was just the day the inhabitants of the town of Rochester met to appoint their deputies, and was set for us to meet. But notwithstanding this, we the Committee appointed for said town, do hereby Certify to you Gentlemen, that we approved of you, to be the deputies for Ulster County to meet in the provincial Congress to be held at New York on the 20th of this instant, and do confide in you, Gentlemen, and repose the same trust as the other towns and precincts of our County have done, who had their deputies present on your appointment, whilst we remain Gentlemen Your Most Humbly Servts,

JACOB HORNBEEK
JOCHAM SCHOONMAKER.

To Levy pawling, Charles Dewitt & George Clinton, Esqrs.

Protest of Cadwallader Colden, Junr., and others against the election of Delegates to Provincial Convention.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 43.]

Whereas, a number of persons did on the 7th day of April, instant, meet at the town of the New Paltz in this County, and did then and there assume to themselves the style and title of committees, elected by the inhabitants of the Several Precincts and districts within this county, with authority when collectively assembled to elect and appoint deputies to meet in provincial Congress at the city of New-York for the purpose of nominating, Electing and appointing delegates to meet those of the other Provinces on this continent, subject to the Dominion of his Britannic Majesty, our leige Sovereign, at the city of Philadelphia the 10th day of May next in Continental Congress; And whereas the said pretended Committees, did then and there nominate Charles De Witt George Clinton and Levy Pawling Esqrs, as their deputies for the purpose aforesaid; And whereas a great majority of the said persons so presumptously assuming the style, title and authority of Committees as aforesaid, were not duly elected by the Freeholders and inhabitants of the precincts and districts, for which they pretended so to have been chosen and appointed, but some of them privately without any election or even the knowledge of the one hundredth part of the persons they pretended had constituted them; others by deceptive arts, after having given public notice by advertisements to the inhabitants and appointed a day for meeting for the purpose of electing deputies, but on finding a great majority against the measures, privately anticipated the day of their election, by proposing to themselves free adherance, and declaring they would go as Deputies to the Paltz if only three persons in the Precinct choose them, —And whereas we do profess and acknowledge that we are the subjects of *His*

Most Excellent Majesty George the Third, we are Entitiled to all the Rights, privileges and Immunities of Inborn Englishmen, and whereas the Honorable House of Assembly, our only legal Representatives have as the faithful guardians of our Liberties, with wisdom, that will immortalize their names, taken constitutional measures for obtaining a Redress of our Grievances and re-establishing peace and harmony between this country and the Parent-State, on the efficacy of which we do with fullest confidence rely; And whereas the Election of delegates to meet either in Provincial or Continental Congress, even conducted with that candor, firmness, and justness, which all elections ought to be, is a measure unwarranted by law, and unknown to the British Constitution, repugnant to the Genius and Spirit thereof; subversive of every principle of alienated Monarchy, an Invasion of the rights and Privileges, power and authority of the Honorable House of Assembly our legal Representatives; and has a direct tendency to Sap, undermine and destroy our most Excellent Constitution, and introduce a Republican Government with its Horrid concomitants, Faction, Anarchy and finally Tyranny; And whereas we conceive that such measures will only tend to widen, instead of healing the breach between this Country and its Parent State, and bring on us, all the calamities of an unnatural civil war, which will Inevitably terminate in the total abolishing of all our liberties;— We do therefore hereby publicly protest against the same, (That is to Say) against the proceedings and assumed authority of the persons calling themselves deputies, when met at the Paltz, on the day before mentioned, and against any Provincial Conventions, that may meet at the City of New York or elsewhere in this Province, as well as against all, and all manner of proceedings, acts or deeds of any Illigall Congresses whatsoever; and we do hereby declare that we will not pay any obedience to any of their resolutions or illegal Mandates; But as the faithfull Subjects of a most excellent King, firmly attached to our Parent State, and the British Constitution, will pay obedience only to the good and wholesome laws of the land, and these we will at the Hazard of our lives support and defend.

Ulster County 14*th April* 1775.

CADWALADER COLDEN, Jr.
PETER DU BOIS,
WALTER DU BOIS.

Eleetion of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Ulster County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 165.]

At a meeting of the Committees of the Several towns and precincts in the County of Ulster, elected and appointed to meet in a Provincial convention at the City of New York on the 22d day of May instant or at such other time and place as may be agreed on, Held at New Paltz at the House of Mrs Ann Du Bois in the County aforesaid, the 11th day of May 1775. The following Persons appeared as committees for the different towns and precincts, viz:

For *Kingston:*

Abraham Van Keuren,
Johannes Snyder, Esqr.,
Egbert Dumond, Esq^{r}.,
Oke Sudam,
Jacobus Van Gaasbeek.

For *Roehester:*

Andries D. Witt, Esqr.,
Jacob Hornbeek, Esqr.,
Johannis Schoomaker,
Joakim Schoonmaker,
Jacobus Van Wagenor,
Andries Bevier.

For *Hurley:*

Adriaan Wynkoop, Esq.,
Capt John Van Deusen,
Matthew Ten Eyck,
Charles D. Witt, Esqr.

For *Marbletown:*

Matthew Cantine,
Levi Pawling, Esqr.,
John Cantine,
David Bevier, Esqr.,
Cornelius E. Wynkoop.

For *New Paltz:*
Jacob Hasbrouck,
Joseph Hasbrouck,
Johannis A. Hardenbergh,
Andries Lafever, Esqr.,
Abraham Donaldson, Esqr.

For *Shawangonk:*
Jacobus Bruyn, Esq.,
Johannis Janson, Esqr.,
Matthew Rea, Esq.,
Benjamin Smedes, Esqr.,
Capt Thomas Janson, Junr.,
Major Johannis Hardenbergh,
Direk Roosa.

For *New Bergh:*
Colo. Jonathan Hasbrouck,
John Robinson,
Benjamin Birdsell.

For *Hanover:*
Dr. Charles Clinton,
Alexander Trimble,
Arthur Parks,
William Jackson.

For *Wallkill:*
Abimael Young,
William Wilkin,
Francis Byrns.

For *New Windsor:*
Colo. James Cinton,
Capt. James McClaghry,
John Nicolson, Esq.

For *New Marlborough:*
Lewis Du Bois,
Benjamin Carpenter, Esq.,
Joseph Morey.

Charles D. Witt, Esqr being unanimously chosen and appointed chairman, the business of the day was opened, when Colo. *Johannis Hardenbergh*, Colo. *James Clinton*, *Egbert Dumond*, Esq., Dr *Charles Clinton*, *Christopher Tappan*, *John Nicolson*, and *Jacob Hornbeek*, Esqrs were nominated and unanimously chosen and appointed Deputies for the said County, to serve in Provincial Convention at the City of New York on the 22d day of May Instant, or at such other time and place as may be agreed on, in order to adopt and Endeavor to cary into execution, whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress, or Resolved upon by our Provincial Convention for the purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the Execution of the Several Arbitrary and Oppressive acts of the British Parliament until a Reconciliation between Great Britain and America, on Constitutional Principles can be obtained, with such further Power to declare the Sense of this County relative to the Grievances and oppressions under which his Majesty's American Subjects now Groan, and to Concert such measures as may tend to the preservation of the Rights and Liberties of America.

And the Deputies hereby appointed are instructed (when met in Provincial Convention) to move that a day be set apart for Public fasting and Prayer throughout the Colony, to implore the Divine aid in Restoring a happy Reconciliation between the Mother Country and her American Colonies.

Ordered that the Proceedings of this Day be signed by the chairman and that the same be Published in the *New York Journal.*

CH. D. WITT, *Chairman.*

Names of Signers of the Association in Mamakating, Ulster County.

[Associations, &c., 30: 58.]

John Youngs,
Philip Swartwout, Esqr.
Benjamin Depue, Esqr.
Capt. John Crage,
William Harlow,
John McKinstry,
Benjamin Cuttaback, Junr.
Robert Cook,
Haramones Van Inwagin,
Tereck V. K. Westbrook,
William Rose,
Capt. Jacob Rutson Dewitt,
Johanes Shuffelbam,
Johanes Shuffelbam, Jun.
James Blizard,
Thomas Combs,
James McCivers,
Joseph Hubbard,
John Thompson,
Samuel Dealey,
William Smith,
John Harding,
Neathan Cook,
Jephthia Fuller,
Ely Strickland,
David Gillaspy,
Stephen Carney,
John Hay,
Joel Addams,
Joseph Shaw,
George Gillaspay,
James Gillaspay,
James Curren,
Abraham Rosa,
Jacob Rosa,
Henry Newkerk,

Abraham Cuddeback, Jun^{r}.
Samuel King,
Abner Skinner,
Frederick Bender,
Valentine Wheeler,
Thomas Kyte,
Johanathan Brooks,
John Wallis,
Joseph Drake,
Ebenezer Parks,
Jacobus Swartwout,
Philip Swartwout, Jun^{r}.
Geredus Swatwot,
Isaac Van Tuile,
Joseph Westfork,
Petres Gumore,
Ezekiel Gumore,
Jacob Dewitt Gumore,
Daniel Van Flees,
Jacob Van Inaway,
Cornealis Van Inaway,
Moses Depue, Jun.,
Jacobus Cuddaback,
Petres Cuddaback,
Elias Gumore,
John Brooks,
Elisha Barbar,
Johanathan Derus,
Samuel Depue,
William Johnston,
James Williams,
Charles Gilletts,
Efrim Thomas,
Hendrey Elsworth,
Joseph Thomas,
Abraham McQuin,
John Sybolt,
Joseph Skiner,
Joseph Arthur,
David Wheeler,
John Travis,
John Travis, Jun.
Daniel Deeker,
Nathaniel Travis,
Ezekiel Travis,
Joseph Travis,
Jeremiah Shaver,
Joseph Ogden,
David Daley,
Daniel Walling,
Daniel Walling, Jun^{r}.
Rufus Stanton,
Ruben Babbet,
Matthew Terwilliger,
Jonathan Wheeler,
John Williams,
Ebenezer Halcomb,
Geradus Vaninwegen,
William Cuddeback,
Abraham Cuddeback,
Eliphet Stevens,
Elisha Travis,
Alderdt Rosa,
Adam Rivenburgh,
Peter Simpson,
Stephen Holcomb,
Jonathan Miller,
Daniel Woodworth,
Moses Roberts,
Daniel Roberts,
John Duglass,
Moses Miller,
Elias Miller,
Isaac Rosa,
Abraham Smith,
George J. Deneston,
Asa Kimbal,
Josiah Parks,
Lenord Henery,
Robert Milliken,
John Gillaspy,
Matthew Neely,
Tho^{s}. Lake,
Jonathan Barber,
Robert Comfert,
David Dayly,
Gershom Sampson,
Joseph Rendal,
Johannis Wash,
Ephraim Forgison,
Jacob Comfort,
Jacob Stanton,
Jonathan Strickland,
Zepheniah Holcombe,
Samuel Patterson,
Abraham Smedes.

To Peter V. B. Livingston, Esq^{r}., President of the Proveneiel Congress.
Sir:

Pursuant to Request we Return to you the Association which is Unanimously Signed by all the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Our Precinet.

Signed by order of the Committee,

Committee Chamber the 26th of June, 1775. } JOHN YOUNG, *Chairman.*

Whereas there has been a Petition Sent to the Congress Concerning Jacob Rutson De Witt being Chosen Capt^{n} in the Lower Part of our Precinct and mention was made in Said Petition of a number of Men that was Unable to Provide themselves with arms. And Capt^{n} John Crage Liveing in the Upper Part of the Precinct has a number of men in his company Likewise Unable, therefore we think Proper to Acquaint the Gentlemen of the Congress with the number wanting, viz.:

Capt^{n} De. Witt's Company wants 30 Guns.
Capt^{n} Crage's Company wants 10 Guns.

[Associations, &c., 30: 70.]

Associators in Rochester, Ulster County.

A. De Witt, Esq.,
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Johannis Bevier, Jun^{r}.
Ephreham Dupue,
Johannis Schoonmaker,
Jocham Schoonmaker, Ju^{r}.
Edward Wood, Jun^{r}.
peter Wood,
Cornelius Janson,
Mattheius C^{r}. Janson,
Teunis Janson,
Cornelius C^{r}. Janson,
Martin Burger,
peterus Edm^{s}. Oosterhoudt,
Benjamin Depuy,
thomas Mackke,
Jacobus Depuy,
Benjamin Bruyn,

Hendricus Hoornbeck,
Jacobus Van Wagenen,
D: Romeyn,
Cornelius Dupue,
Benj^{a}. Kortregth,
John Dupue,
Benj^{a}. Bevier,
Johannis G. Herdenburgh, Esq.,
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Jn^{o}. Slegth,
Lodiwiek Schoonmaker,
Minna Fisher,
Petrus Schoonmaker,
Philip Hoornbeck,
Silvester Derby,
Andrew White,
Simon Depue,
Jacobus Oosterhout,
Elesa Roosakrance,
Hendrick Roosakrance,
Cornelius Schoonmaker,
Frederick Vandemerk,
Joel Hoornbeck,
Jacobus Wynkoop,
Moses Depue, Ju^{nr}.
Jacob D. Hoornbeck,
Cornelius Oosterhout,
Jacobus Schoonmaker,
Semion De Witt,
Henry Harp,
John Schoonmaker,
Jacob Torner,
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Dirck Westbroeck,
Samuel Hoornbeck,
Mighel Inderly,
Cornelius Hoornbeck, Jun.
Krys Oosterhout, Jun.
peter Bruyn,
peterus Scott,
patt Conolly,
John Krom,
peter Inderly,
Hartman Heyn,
frederick Westbroeck,
frederick Rosekrans,
Isaack Hoornbeck,
Jonathan Westbroeck,
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Henderickus Oosterhoudt,
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John Low,
Daniel Wood,
Zagharias Low,
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Marinis Chambers,
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Abraham Bevier,
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Andries Vernoey,
Manuel Gonsalus, Jun^{r}.
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peter Cantine,
Josua Thompson,
William De Witt,
peter Cole, Jun^{r}.
Martinus Klaerwater,
Gerrit C. Newkerk,
Henry De Witt,
Jonathan Vernoey,
peterus Vernoey,
Mighel Besemer,
Stephen De Witt,
John Badly,
William Davis,
Jesse Bevier,
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Jacob Oosterhoudt,
Andries Roodolf,
Jacobus Divins,
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William A. De Witt,
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Cornelius Chambers,
Abraham Heermans,
Joseph Depuy,
frederick Vandermerken,
Jacob De Witt,
Gloudy Middagh,
Jeremiah Kittle,
Arie Oosterhoudt,
Johannis Oushem,
Samuel Kersson,
phillip Heyn,
Ezegiel Oosterhoudt,
Jonathan Barly,
Elias Merkel,
James O. Bruyen,
Jacob Hoornbeck, Esq^{r}.
William M^{c}Donnol,
Elijah Benjamin,
Jacob Van Dermerken,
Arie Van Dermerken,
Aldert Oosterhoudt,
Jacobus Van Etten,
Jacob Smit,
Henderick Quick,
Richard Davis,
phillip Quick,
Cornelius Quick,
Elias Henderickson,
Jacobus Seneck,
Jacobus Bos, Jun^{r}.
Ephraim Baker,
Gysbert Krom,
Coenraedt A. Tiel,
Barent Merkel,
Jacobus Henderickson,
Cornelius Hoornbeck,
Isaack Roosa,
Johannis Heyser,
Joseph Belder,
John Harp, Jun^{r}.
George Scheafer,
Jacob De Witt,
Jacobus Henderickson,
John Belder,
William Belder,
Salomon Krom, Jun^{r}.
Wessel Vernoey, Jun^{r}.
Alexander Katter,
thomas De Witt,
Coenradt Bevier,
peter Sax,
Benjamin Stanton,
William Broadhead,
Henry Simmerman,
Terck De Witt,
Abraham Kadegal,
Joseph Wood,
peter Helm,
Nathan Vernoey,

Ephraim Depuy, Junr.
Cornelius Van Wagenen,
Jacob Barley,
Cornelius Hardenbergh,
Benjamin Van Wagenen,
John Sammons,
peterus Ennis,
James Burck,
John Scott,
peterus Henderickson,
John McBryd,
JacobDeWitt Schoonmaker,
Coenradt Sealy,
Jacobus J. Quick,
Benjamin Ollegar,
James Still,
Joris Janson,
Frederick Van Dermerken,
Hartman Ennis,
Samuel Oosterhoudt,
Cornelius Oosterhoudt,
Jacobus Quick, Junr.
peter Harp,
John Harp,
Edward Wood,
William Wood, Junr.

Andries A. De Witt,
Jacob Bevier,
John De Witt,
Johannis Mack,
Johannis Hoornbeck,
Benjamin Oosterhoudt,
Coenraedt Burger,
Johannis Oosterhoudt, Jun.,
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John McNeal,
James Buyrns,
Jacobus Bruyn, Junr.
Direk Hoornbeck,
Benjamin Merkel,
Nicolaes Burger,
Jacobus Kortreght,
John Muller,
peterus Berger,
Mattheus Kortreght,
Abraham Kortreght,
Gedion Hoornbeck,
Arthur Morris,

Cornelius Newkerck,
Johannis Vernoey,
Wessel Vernoey,
Josia Bevier,
Jurry Mack,
Louwerens Kortreght,
Jacobus Tornaer,
Benjamin Van Wagenen,
Harmanis Rosskrans,
Salomon Krom,
Joseph Krom,
Andries Swiger,
Cornelius Vernoey,
Thimothy Hetch,
Johannis Kerson,
Isaack Bevier,
Salomon Bevier,
Lowrence Hoornbeck,
Henry Harp, Junr.
Jonas Haasbroeck,
Cornelius Cole, Junr.
thomas proetor,
Benjamin Roosa,
Jothem Schoonmaker,
Daniel Schoonmaker.

In pursuance of the Resolves of the provential Congress of the Colony of New-York Dated ye 29th May 1775, We the Committee of the Township of Rochester, In the County of Ulster, Do hereby Certify that the above List or Roll Contains all the persons Names who have Signed the General Association Within the Township aforesaid (all which) with Humble Submission We herewith Return to Said provential Congress, Dated at Rochester ye 6th Day of July, 1775.

by order of the Committee

A. D. WITT, *Chairman.*

N.B. Eight of the above persons do Reside, In the precinct of Mameeating and do Belong to one of the Militia Companys of our Township.

Committee of New Marlboro to P. V. B. Livingston, &c.

[Associations, &c., 30: 22, 25, 44.]

New Marlboro, *July*, 11, 1775.

Gentlemen,

Agreeble to your Resolution of the 29th of May last, we, the Committee of New Marlborough have indevoured that every individual Inhabitant of this preeinct should have the offer to sign the Association and having done it accordingly, Do now return a List of the signers who voluntarily subscribed, and also those who refused to sign said Association.

And are Gentlemen, your most humbl. Servts.,

BENJ. CARPENTER, *Chairman.*
ABH. PERKINS, *Clerk.*

The enclosed is a True List.

A List of the signers to the association.

Benjm. Carpenter,
Lewis Dubois,

Benjm. Dusenbery,
Isaac Deyo,

James Owen,
Peter Looge,

Joseph Morey,
Jurian Mackey,
Gilbond Cotton,
Jacob Wood,
John Woolsey,
Bordwin Terepanny,
Eliezer Frazer,
Michael Wygant,
Solomon Waring,
Richard Carpenter,
Elijah Farris,
Elijah Lewis,
Henry Ter Boss,
Silas Purdy,
John Duffield,
Wright Carpenter,
William Martin,
Durnee Melyee,
Christopher Ostrander,
Henry Lockwood,
John Polhemus,
Vrian Drake,
Nath[l]. Goodspeed,
Micajah Lewis,
John Davis,
Benjamin Huett,
Peter Barian,
Abraham Quick,
Abijah Perkins, M. D.,
Benjamin Ely, M. D.,
Seth Perkins, M. D.,
Benj. J. Frazer,
Lawrence Bokker,
Abraham Cooper,
Stephen Case,
Ichabod Williams,
John Montgomery,
Jacob DeGroot,
John Mulliner,
Annannias Volentine,
Zadock Lewis,
Flavius Waterman,
James Pride,
Jacob Daton,
David Mackey,
Abraham Deane,
Bartholemew Baker,
George Williams,
David Martin,
Abraham Lane,
George Lane,
Henry Ferris,
Allen Lester,
John Ares,
Nathaniel Harcourt,
John Wygant,
James Wheeler,
John Quick,

Daniel McGuin,
Janter Willedge,
John Truilliger, Junior,
William Relyee,
Marcus Ostrander,
Joshua Lockwood,
Jacob Terepanny,
John Terepanny,
Joseph Gee,
Simon Relyee Jun.
Stephen Seymour,
Josiah Baker,
John Baker,
Moses Carey,
Bartholomew Bacon,
George Williams,
John Schurdt,
James Filkins,
George Mallett,
Thomas Quick, Jun.
William Caverly,
William Quick,
Henry Decker,
Terrett Lester,
James Merritt,
William Purdy,
Henry Hide,
William Pembroke,
Elijah Gardner,
John Bond,
John Knowlton,
John Scott,
John Mackey,
Matthew Wygant,
Samuel Abbe,
Andrew Ares,
Alexander Cropsie,
Samuel Hannah,
David McMin,
Andrew Cropsie,
Thomas Silkworth,
Joseph Carpenter,
Pharoah Latting,
Joseph Caverty,
Nathaniel Kumph,
Ebenezer St. John,
Samuel Mackey,
Gilbert Bloom,
Joseph Bloom, Junior,
William Stanton,
Andrew Young,
John Lester,
David Brush,
John Wilson,
William Woolsey,
William Hollister,
Philip Aires,
Henry Jones,

Abraham Mabee,
Benjamin Comfort,
Isariel Tomkins,
Hugo Scott,
Abraham Scott,
William Scott,
Robert Everitt,
Matevis Fenin,
John Smith,
Alexander Mackey, Ju[r].
Philip Caverty,
Daniel Gildersleves,
Matthew St. John,
Isaac Van Bunschote,
Petrus Ostrander,
Nath[l]., Kilsey,
Aler[r]. Mackey Sen[r].
Zephaniah Woolsey,
Josiah St. John,
Job Wood,
John Forman,
Nowell Furman,
Isaac Morele,
Daniel Knowlton,
Peter Caverty,
James Hunter,
Nathaniel Mills,
Jesse Farechild,
Nathaniel Hull,
John Noll,
Charles Mackey,
Charles Mackey, Ju[r].
Nathaniel Quimby,
Benjamin Woolsey,
Samuel Hull, Jun.
Nath[l]. Hull Ju[r].
John Huett,
Thomas Pembroke,
John Lester,
Gideon Ostrander,
Hendrick Deyo, Jr.,
Daniel Ostrander,
Garrett Benschoten,
George Platt,
Herman Chase,
Abraham Losson,
Hendrick Huse,
Durnee Simon Relyee,
Francis Gaine,
James Waring,
Daniel Robertson,
Nehemiah Smith,
Walter Comfort,
Joseph Bloomer,
Jonathan Lily,
Kaleb Merritt,
Thomas Merritt,
Gabriel Merritt,

Thomas Quick,
Israel Tuthill,
Jeriah Rhods,
Jessee Wheeler,
Oliver Wheeler,
Job St. John,
Jonathan Woolsey,
George Stanton,
Daniel Bloomer,
Stephen Purdy,
Noah St. John,
Daniel Polhemus,
George Langley,
Jacob Kent,
William Bloomer,
Isaac Cropsie,
John Bishop,
Josiah Lockrad,
Joseph Wells,
John Wygant, Junior,
Benjamin Stead,
Henry Simpson,
Adam Cropsie,
George Woolsey,
Eneas Quimby,
Samuel St. John,
Abraham Be,
Richard Woolsey,
William Van Blaricom,
Adam St. John,
James Jackson,
Abel Barnum,
William Ostrander,
Adam Caser,
Simon Relyee, Junior,
Jonathan Tuttle,
Jacob Cannaff,
Levi Quimby,
James Quimby,
Thomas Wygant,
William Dusenbury,
Jonathan Terepanny,
David Ostrander,
Thomas Mackay,
Henry Deejo, Senior,
In No. Signers 224.

To be added to the above,

Daniel Cook, Junior,
Henry Scott,
William Wygant,
David Merritt,
Josiah Merritt,
James Van Blaricom, 230.

The objectors against the Association By Name, are,

Isaac Garison,
Latting Carpenter,
Moses Grigory,
James Grigory,
Nath[l]., Hughson,
Samuel Merritt,
Elisha Purdy,
John Caverly,
John Young,
Edward Hallock,
Edward Hallock, jr.
Solomon Fowler,
John Gero,
William Gero,
Andrew Gee,
Nathaniel Gee,
Henry Cronk,
Fradrick Cronk,
Fradrick Gee,
George Harden,
Jonathan Lane,
Nehemiah Horton,
Isaac Horton,
David Horton,
Joseph Lane,
Samuel Devine,
Joseph Devine,
Durnee Relyee, Jun.
Benj'm Relyee,
William Place,
Obidiah Palmer,
Samuel Hallock,
Dan'l Cookseur,
Jeremiah Cannaff,
Isaac Cannaff,
William Warren,
Jacob Rossell,
Humphrey Merritt.
In No. 38.

Associators at Kingston, Ulster County, May & June, 1775.

[Associations, &c., 30: 33.]

Capt. Evert Bogardus,
Joshua Dubois,
Elias Hasbrouck,
Moses Cantine, Jun[r].
Charles Doyl,
Nicholas Van Der Lyne,
Johannes B. Masten,
Cornelis Van Keuren, Jun.
Isaac Burhans,
Gerrit Van Keuren,
Petrus Elsworth,
Cornelis B. Masten,
Abraham Van Keuren, Jun.
Matthew Van Keuren, Jun.
Petrus Bogardus, Jun[r].
Samuel Masten,
Peter Roggen,
Jeremiah Dubois,
Abraham-A. Haasbrouck,
Frederick Eijgenaer,
Samuel Whittaker,
Jurrie W. Reghtmeyer,
Christien Fiero,
Lucas De Witt,
Cornelis Persen,
Christian Fiero, Jun.
Stephanus Fiero,
Johannis Reghtmeyer,
Coenraedt Reghtmeyer,
Harmanus Reghtmeger,
Martyanus Hummel,
Hendrich P. Freeligh,
Peter Freeligh,
Daniel Lucas,
Laurence Winne,
Samuel Freligh,
Abraham Snijder,
William Davenport,
Johannis Freer,
William Coleman,
William Whitaker, Jun[r].,
Egbert Schoonmaker,
Peter Whitaker,
Jan L. Oosterhouth,
James Whitaker,
James Pickken,
Hendrick Turk,
Jacobus Whitaker,
Benjamin Whitaker,
Barent Whitaker,
Abraham Oosterhoudt,
James J. Whitaker,
Harmon Minkelaer,
John C. Oosterhoudt,
Jno. Elmendorph,
Tobias Van Beuren,
Jacobus Van Gaasbeck,

Thomas Van Gaasbeek,
Silvester Maurius Groen,
Matthias Van Keuren,
Cornelius M. Van Keuren,
Johannis J. Van Keuren,
Johannis C. Masten,
Jeremiah Klaarwater,
Cornelis Dumond,
Coenradt Coen. Elmendorph,
Philip Van Keuren,
Abraham Whittaker,
Abraham Masten, Jun.,
Sampson Davis,
Coenradt Krook,
Gilbert Saxon,
Johannes Besemer,
Abraham W. Van Gaasbeck,
Petrus P. Oosterhoudt, Jun.
Lowrence Kiever,
Cornelis Conway, Jun.
Arie Newkirk,
Jacobus Newkirk,
Jacobus Van Etten,
Jan Wells,
Benjamin Masten, Jun.
David Achmudy,
Jacobus Dubois,
Samuel Dubois,
Jacob Trimper,
Michel Connolly,
John Van Steinbergh,
Joseph Chip,
Solomon Haasbrouck,
Hendricus Degraef,
Jacob Hendrickse,
John J. Low,
Wessel Ten Broeck, Jun.
Abraham Masten,
Jan De Witt,
Cornelis Langendijck,
Johannis Wolfin, Jun.
Nicholas Miller,
William Dubois,
Martha Snyder,
Benjamin Snyder,
Isaack Snyder,
Peter Winne, Junr.
Christian Valkenburgh,
Peter Low,
Elisha Clark,
Peter A. Winne,
Arent Winne,
Egbert Schoonmaker,
Evert Wynkoop,
Hendricus Meyer,
Christoffel Kriersteade,
Myndert Mynderse,
William Legg,

Hezekiah Dubois, Jun.
Augustinus Shoe,
Richard Burhans,
Johannis Valck, Jun.
John Trompour,
John Allen,
William Eijgenaer,
James Welch,
John Burhans,
Jeremiah Snyder,
Wilhelm Valck,
John Davenport,
Jurrijan Young,
John Row, Senr.
Cornelius Burhans,
Hendricus Wells,
William Sawyer,
John Young,
Jeremiah Young,
Jerrie Hummel, Jun.
John McKinsey,
James Jones,
William Van Cleef,
Jacob Mouers,
Johannis Mouers Jun.
Petrus Mouers,
Leonard Mouers,
Nicholaes Mouers,
Samuel Burhans,
James Allen,
Cornelius Wells,
Jerijmias Shoe,
John McKarty,
Jeronijmus Gerrenry,
Aaronhondt Valck,
Jurrie Bear,
Jurrie W. Dederick,
Wilhelmus Emerigh,
Petrus Van Stienbergh,
Abraham T. Van Stienbergh,
Samuel Wolfin,
Solomon Skutt, Jun.
Jacobus Dederick,
Benjamin Low,
Jacob Hendrickse, son of Frans,
Phillip Felten,
Johannis Persen,
Abraham Freer,
Wessel Ten Broeck,
Johannis Kroce,
Jacob Pulver,
Peter Van Akin,
Johannis felter, Jun.
William Teerpenning,
Abraham Van Vliet,
Benjamin Van Aken,
Gideon Van Aken,

Jacobus S. Bruyn,
Cornelis Beekman,
William Eltinge, Jun.
Petrus Elmendorph,
Benjamin Elmendorph,
Philip Van Beuren,
Peter Dumond, Junr.
Wilhelmus Kiersteade,
Abraham Van Stienbergh,
Henry Parcelo,
John Beekman,
Johannis Wynkoop, Jr.
Abraham Elmendorph,
John McLean,
Tobias Van Stienbergh, Jun.
John Dumond, Junr.
Peter Wynkoop,
John Delametter,
Cornelis Ten Brook,
John Schepmoes,
Petrus Elmendorph,
John Whitaker, Jun.
Philip Whitaker,
Charles Newkerk,
Abraham Hoffman,
Cornelis Swart,
Nicholas Bogardus,
John Hoghteling,
Solomon Van Bentschoten,
William Schepmoes,
Thomas Eltinge,
Wilhelmus T. Hoghteling,
Thomas Hoghteling,
William Maurius Groen,
Tjerck Beekman,
Hendricus Eltinge,
Abraham Ce. Low,
Martha Krook,
Johannis Van Etten,
Phillippus Viele,
James Grigg,
John Addeton,
Abraham Van Gaasbeck,
Abraham Haasbrouck, Jun.
Luke Kiersteade,
Johannis felton,
Benjamin TenBroeck,
Cornelis Elmendorph, Jun.
Jacobus Elmendorph,
John Whitaker,
Coenraedt Ten Brook,
Laurence Salisbury,
Nicholas Kiersteade,
William Whitaker,
Jacob Ten Brook,
Gerrit Elmendorph,
Coenraedt G. Elmendorph,
Jacobus Dumond,

Jacobus Persen,
Hendricus Oosterhoudt,
Abraham Post,
Christian Meyer,
William Meyer,
Petrus Meyer,
Johannis Meyer, Jun.
Johannis Wolfin,
John J. Persen,
Petrus Meyer, Jun.
Hendrick Wolfin,
Petrus Low Meyer,
Samuel Meyer,
Tobias Meyer,
Benjamin Meyer, Jun.
John Freeligh,
Johannis Miller,
Jacobus Post,
Christophel Midler,
Johannis Backer,
Hezekiah Dubois,
Hendrick Staats,
Jesaias Meyer,
Samuel Schoonmaker,
John Kallen,
George Sparling,
John Brinck, Junr.
John Sparling,
Jacobus Wolfin,
John Dumare,
Hezekiah Dubois Schoonmaeker,
Samuel Oosterhoudt,
William Oosterhoudt,
Cornelis Post,
Hendrick Schoonmaker,
Edward Schoonmaeker, son of Tjerck,
Tjerck Schoonmaker,
Peter Van Leuven,
William Diederick, Jun.
John Van Leuven, Jun.
Andries Van Leuven,
Cornelis L. Swarts,
David Schoonmaker,
Tjerck Schoonmaker, Jun.
Hendricus Oosterhoudt, Jun.
Barent Burhans,
John Fendel,
Anthony L. Van Schaayck,
Francis Bedine,
Johannis N. Dubois,
Edward Burhaus,
John Low,
Jacob Van Buntschoten,
Hezekiah Schoonmaker,
Abraham Turk,
Benjamin Swart,

Arie Van Vliet,
Abraham E. Low,
Petrus Snyder,
Jacobus Dubois,
Petrus Van Aken,
Elphas Van Aken,
Jacob Heermanse,
Mattheus Van Steinburgh,
Johan Michel Berger,
Adam Swart,
Samuel Swart,
Peter Hodler,
Wilhelmus Swart,
Arie gertse Elmendorph,
Tennis Sleght,
Benjamin Sleght,
Henry Masten,
Jacobus Besemer,
Solomon Freer, Jun.
Petrus Swart,
Jan Burhans,
Abraham Cs. DeLametter
John Smedes,
John Van Gaasbeck,
John Carman,
Cornelius Masten,
William Evans,
James Osterhoudt,
Samuel Burhans,
Martynus Post,
Petrus Burhans,
Benjamin Van Steenburgh,
John Freer,
Baltus Kiever,
William Kiever,
Benjamin Osterhoudt,
Hendricus B. Sleght,
Andrew McFarland,
Edward Schoonmaeher,
Samuel Legg,
Petrus L. Osterhoudt,
John E. Schoonmaker,
Edward Whitaker,
Petrus Sax,
Wilhelmus Wolfin,
Godfrey Wolfin,
Jeremiah Wolfin,
Hezekiah Wynkoop,
Jacob Eijgenaer,
Lodewick Roessell,
John Wolfin,
Solomon Skutt,
Matthew Diedrick,
Johannis Emerigh,
John Hermans,
Tobijas Wynkoop,
Johannis Diederick,
Johannis Eijgenaer,

Philip Dumond,
Laurence Van Gaasbeck,
William Van Gaasbeck,
Charles Gyles,
Jacob Burhans,
Ephraim Low,
Johannes Van Vliet,
Matthew Van Beuren,
Frantz P. Roggen,
Marijnus Van Aken,
Johannis Wiest,
Benjamin Turck,
William Thompson,
Pierre Aneton,
Tennis Hoghteling,
Wilhelmus Hoghteling,
Wilhelmus W. Hoghteling,
John Chipp,
Jacob Freer,
Johannis J. Jansen,
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Cornelis Jansen, Jun.
Johannis Jansen,
Abraham Davenport,
Petrus Bogardus,
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Cornelis Masten,
Jan Elmendorph,
Ezekiel Masten,
Johannis Dubois,
Abraham De Lametter, Jun.
Benjamin De Lametter,
Hendricus Van Stienburg,
Petrus Smedes,
Petrus Smedes, Jun.
Gerrit Freer,
Isaac Van Wagenen,
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Johannes J. Dubois,
Solomon Freer,
Jacob M. Groen,
Benjamin Masten,
Pieter Dumond,
Henry Jansen,
Jacobus Elmendorph,
James Foran,
Jacobus Montanie,
Coenradt Jans Elmendorph,
oke Suidam,
Gerrit Coens Elmendorph,
Jacob Maurius Groen, Jun.
John J. Burhans,
Jeremiah Hoghteling,
Jacobus Low,
Tjirck Cs DeWitt,
Peter Maurius Groen,
William Phoenix,

Jacobus Post,
George Lassing,
William Letts,
John P. Dumond,
Coll. Abraham Haasbrouck,
David Cox,
William Austin Cox,
Tobias Van Steinburgh,
Cornelius E. Wynkoop,
Coenradt Jac^{s}. Elmendorph,
Jurryan Tappen,
Hendricus Sleght,
Johannis Sleght,
Abner Brush,
Johannis Degraef,
Johannis Snyder,
Anthony Freer,
Johannis Snyder, Jun.
Jan Van Vleit,
Samuel Freer,
Abraham G. Van Aken,
Jan Freer,
Isaack Van Wagene, Jun.
Petrus Sleght,
Johannis Hendrickse,
Matthews Persen,
David De Lametter, Jun.
Jacob Felton,
Benjamin Felton,
Petrus Felton,
Phillip Hendrickse,
Johannis Weaver,
Wendell Cremer,
Solomon Eckert, Jun.
Jeremiah Parcell,
Michel Eenhart,
Alabartus Schrijven,
Johannis De Witt, Jun.
Martijnus Schrijver,
Stephanus Schrijver,
Petrus Wiest,
Isaac Van Aken,
Johannis Schrijver,
Tjerck Van Vliet,
Abraham Teerpenning,
Hendricus Teerpening, Jun.
Jacobus Teerpenning,
Wilhelm Vollandt,
Phillip Swart,
Petrus Eijgenaer,
Cornelius Eijgenaer,
David Dubois,
Jacob Klyne,
John Monk,

Peter Eygenaer,
William Wynkoop,
Myndert Diedrick,
Adam Bear,
Jacob Bacher,
Hendrick Bacher,
Diedrick Materstock,
Abraham Diedrick,
Adam Materstock,
Jacob Materstock,
John Ellis,
Joseph West,
Peter West,
Gijsbert Diedrick,
William Materstock,
Johannis Beyman,
Hendrick Fiero,
Nicholas Brett,
Johannis Materstock,
Peter Schoonmaker,
Hendrick Brett,
Peter Brett,
Jacob J. Ten Broeck,
Direk Wynkoop, Jun.
Johannis Wynkoop,
Abraham Low,
Abraham Van Keuren,
Coenradt Cor^{s}. Elmendorph,
Joseph Gasherie,
Egbert Dumond,
Christoffel Tappan,
John Dumond,
Adam Persen,
Seth Curtis,
Jacobus Eltenge,
Johannis Masten,
Robert Montgomery,
Joseph Oosterhoudt,
Johannes Carter,
Anthony Hoffman,
Matthew Edw^{d}. Thompson,
William Elsworth,
Jacob L. Hoornbeck,
Daniel Graham,
Abraham J. De Lametter,
Cornelis Viele,
Johannis Van Bentschoten,
Jacob Turk,
Jonathan Elmendorph,
William Eltinge,
Benjamin De Meyer,
Jeremiah De Meyer,
Cornelis A. Newkirk,

Abraham Heermanse,
Hendricus Schoonmaker,
Tobias Swart,
Andries De Witt, Jun.
Jan Post,
Jan S. De Witt,
Petrus Oosterhoudt,
Tobias Meyer,
Petrus Brinck,
John Walker,
Petrus Backker,
Hendrick Snyder,
Cornelis J. Brink.
Abraham Low, Jun.
Harmanus Hummel,
Cornelis C. Brink,
Petrus De Witt,
Teunis Meyer,
Martijnus Snyder, Jun.
Peter Hummel,
Cornelis De Witt,
Christiaen Dull,
Jacob Brink,
Stephanus Meyer,
Johannis M. Snyder,
Benjamin Meyer,
Michel Hoof,
James P. Oosterhoudt,
Johannis J. Hummel,
Petrus C. Brink,
William J. Meyer,
Peter J. Meyer,
John Valkenburgh,
Luijker Langer dijck,
Johannis Meyer,
Arie Van Etten,
Isaak Post,
Benjamin Winne,
John Brink,
Hendrick Post,
Arie De Witt,
Jacob Conyers,
George Calle,
James Whitaker, Jun.
Jacob Frans,
Jacob Frans, Jun.
Adam Short,
Johannis Van Keuren,
Heskiah Van Keuren,
Moses Cantine,
Michel Herman,
Anthony A. Hoffman,
Hendricus J. Sleght.

In Pursuance of a Resolve of the Provincial Congress, of the Colony of New York, dated the 29th day of May, 1775, We the Committee of the Corporation of Kingston in the County of Ulster, Do hereby certify that the above List or Roll

contains all the Persons' Names, who have Signed the General Association within the Corporation of Kingston. Also annexed List, returned to us, containing the names of a Company of Troop of horse, who reside in different parts of the said County and also a List on the Back hereof of the Persons' names who have refused to Sign the Said Association, all which with humble Submission we herewith Return to the Provincial Congress aforesaid.

By order of the Committee,

JOHANNIS SLEGHT, *Chairman.*

Dated at Kingston this first day of July 1775.

Troop of Horse, County of Ulster, whereof Phillip Hoghtelenge is Capt.

Phillip Hoghtelenge, Capt.	Petrus Smith,	Petrus Du Bois,
Silvester Salisbury, 1 Lieut.	Jacobus Van Waggenen,	William De Witt,
Peter Minderse, 2 Lieut.	James Hamelton,	Abraham Van Waggenen, Jun.
Cornelius C. Newkirk, Cornet,	Felten Smith,	
	Arie Newkirk,	Jury Folland,
Cornelius J. D. Bois, 1 Qr. Master,	Gerrit Elmendorph, Jun.	Abraham Burhans,
	Jonathan Elmendorph, Jun.	John J. Du Bois,
James Row, 2 Qr. Master,	John Mynderse,	Edward Osterhout,
Abraham Hoghtelenge, Clk.	Johannis Turck,	Moses Paterson,
Jacob Elmendorph, Jun.	Abraham Ten Broeck,	Frederick Van Dermerkin, Jun.
Adam Wolfen,	Johannis Merkel,	
Tobias DuBois,	Martinus Hammel, Ju.	Isaac C. Davis,
Petrus Brink,	Johannis Ealigh,	Jacobus F. Davis,
Benjamin Krom,	Benjamin B. Schoonmaker,	Daniel Broadhead,
Anthony Dumond,	Benjamin Depue, Junr.	Petrus J. Ketter,
Cornelius J. Depue,	Benjamin Bruyn,	Petrus P. Osterhout,
Petrus Ed. Osterhoudt,	Tierck Low,	John Hasbrouck,
Phillip Newkirk,	Johannis H. Osterhout,	Wilhelmus Hoghteling, Jun.

Kingston, June 9th 1775.

A List of the Persons who have refused to sign the General Association.

[Associations, &c., 30: 32.]

Jan De Graef, Junr.	Josias Minkelaer,	Jacob DeWitt,
Benjamin De Witt,	Johannis Row,	Johan Sam Schoonmaker,
Stephanus Eckert,	William Burhans,	William Ealigh,
Mattheus York,	Johannis Burhans,	William Fiero,
Albartus Sluyter,	Frederick Row, Junr.	Owen Daily,
Jan Lawrence Bogh,	Johannis Trompour,	Nicholas Trompour,
Benjamin Delameter, Jun.	Richard Davenport,	Johannes Smith,
Jacob Trompour,	Peter Luecks,	Andrus Ealigh,
Paul Trompour,	Johannis Plank,	Petrus Schoonmaker, Jun.
John Cox, Junr.	Johannis Plank, Jun.	John York,
John Luecks,	Abraham Hommel,	Adam Bartolomeuis.

Associators in Marbletown, Ulster County, June, 1775.

[Associations, &c., 30: 36.]

Solomon Terwilger,	William McGinnis,	Thomas Schoonmaker, Jun.
Johannis Keator,	Abraham Hardenburgh,	Jeronomius Rappelye,
Johannis Bogart,	John Jack,	Caspar Basemer,
John Canner,	John Cushnickam,	Richard Okerly,
Sam Frame,	Arie Jack,	Benoni Moulks,
Frederick Davis,	Sylvester Vandermerken,	John Batty,
Hen. Pawling,	Wilhelmus Roosa,	Direk Sleighter,

James Murdoch,
Matthew Smedes,
William Krum,
Gysbert Krum,
Isaac Davis,
Abram Cantine,
Jacob DeLametter,
Edward Lunsberry,
Alexander Ennis,
Benjamin Akerly,
Jacobis Davis,
Richard Lunsberry,
Johannis F. Keator,
Michael Lines,
James Phenix,
Petrus Oosterhoudt,
Garton Nottingham,
Daniel Mowris,
Stephen Nottingham, Junr.
William Cantine,
Matthew Keator,
Samuel Mowris, Junr.
George Middagh,
Samuel Keator,
Benjamin Keator,
Coenradt Du Bois,
Abraham Johnson,
Hendrich G. Krom,
John G. Krom,
Petrus Krom,
Samuel Davis, Junr.
John J. Crispell,
Henry Mowris,
Garret Newkerk,
Samuel Dodge,
William Pattison,
John Conway,
Peter Misner,
Jacobus H. Bush,
Frederick Merkle,
David Vandemerke,
Jacob Chambers,
Thomas Chambers,
Joseph Chambers,
Wilhelmus Keator,
Johs. H. Krom,
William H. Krom,
Samuel Brodhead,
James Stilwill,
Richard Oliver,
Samuel North,
Levi Pawling,
Jacob Haasbrouck,
William Pick,
Benjm. Peters,
Cornelius E. Wynkoop,
Andries J. De Witt,
Thomas Schoonmaker,
Wm. Orr,
William Benson,
Gysbert Van Leuven,
Johannis Smith,
James Perepannis,
Direk Schepmoos,
Isaac Robinson,
Jacob S. Freer,
Teunas Roosa,
John Constable,
Abraham Constable, Junr.
Thomas Sammons,
Cornelius Sammons,
Abraham Helm,
John Ernest,
Hendrick Brink,
Jacob De Witt,
Jacob G. Louw,
Abraham Roosa,
Albert Smeades,
Abraham Keator,
George Middagh, Junr.
Joseph Hasbrouck, Junr.
Jonas Smith,
John Vandemerke, Jun.
John Vanwagenen, Junr.
Solomon Vanwagenen,
Simon Vanwagenen,
Johan Bartlewolk,
Severyn Hasbrouck,
Peter McDowell,
Leus Brodhead,
Martinus Oosterhoudt,
Joseph Klaarwater,
Andries Frier,
Benjamin Krom, Junr.
Thomas Vandemerke, Jun.
Peter Vanwagenen,
Hermanus Oosterhoudt,
John Hasbrouck,
Solomon Vandemerke,
John Vandemerke,
Mart Middagh,
Andries Davies,
Jacob Rapelye,
Isaac Charter,
Caspar Charter,
Frederick Charter,
Derick Chambers,
Jacobus Connor,
Robert Betties,
John Betties,
William Dunlap,
Nathaniel Web,
John Slouter,
Peter Smith,
Peter Smith, Junr.
Cornelius Ernest,
Frederick Schoonmaker,
Thomas Klaurwater,
John Van Luven,
Abraham Klaurwater,
Hendrick Rosa,
Abraham Constable,
William Orr,
Thomas Vandemerk, Junr.
Hendrick Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Samuel Gibson,
Samuel Mouris,
John Shaws,
William Teets, Junr.
William Johnson,
Henry Daorin,
Petrus Van Luven,
Frederick Keator,
Jacob Keator, Junr.
Melgert Keator,
Benjamin Louw, Junr.
Jacobus Rosokrans,
John C. De Witt,
Cornelius Keator,
Jacob Snyder,
Nicholas Kyser,
Cornelius Brink,
Andries Roosa,
Jan Krom,
Jacob Roosa,
Benjamin Davies,
Jacobus Morris,
Jacob J. Keator,
Egbert Brink,
David Atkins,
John J. Krom,
Wilhelmus Bush,
William Ernest,
Johannis Roosa,
Daniel Johnson,
Robert Brink,
Isaac C. Davies,
Cornelius Krom,
Jacob J. Hasbrouck,
John Davies,
Jno. D. Witt,
Hendrick Bush, Jun.
Peter Johnson,
Wm. Nottingham,
Moses Diamond,
Peter Mowris,
Martin Bogard,
Benjamin Keator,
Simeon Vanwagenen.
Gideon Keator,
John Keator,
Thomas Keator,
William Keator,

Cornelius Sluyter,
Peter Sammons,
Samuel Mowris,
Art. Van Wagenen,
Stephen Nottingham,
Jesaias Robbison,
Cornelius Tack, Junr.
Abraham Cantine,
Alexander Munro,
Andrews Oliver,
John Cantine,
Jacob D. Lametter,
David Bevier,
Frederick Schoonmaker, Jr.
Charles W. Brodhead,
Edward Lounsberry,
Jacob I. Hasbrouck,
Ephraim Chambers,
Isaac Hasbrouck, Junr.
Cornelius Brink,
John Brodhead,
Roeliff Eltinge,
Cornelius Stilwell,
Moses M. Cantine,
Philip D. B. Bevier,
James Mekemson,
Nathaniel Cantine,
Gerardus Hardenbergh,
Matthew Cantine,
Adam Hoffman,
Alexander McGinnis,
Cornelius Vandermerken,
Philip Hardenbergh,
Thomas Darcy,
Casparus Marcius,
Charles Adams,
Edward Talbot,
Jacobus Rosa,
John Rapilye,
Matthew Newkerk,
Abraham Middagh,
Gysbert Rosa,
Johannis Vanwagenen,
John Stokes,
Johannis G. Rosa,
Dirck Bush,
Frederick Wood,
Thomas Wood,
Johannis Middagh,
Thomas Carner,
Cornelius Bogart,
Hendrick P. Ostrout,
James Robison,
Leonard Hardenbergh,
Jacobus B. Hasbrouck,
Michael Pattison,
Johannis Keator, Junr.
John Van Vliet,
James Vanwagenen,
Garret Vanwagenen,
Edward Denoul,
Frederick Kontraman,
Matthewis Kontraman,
Andries Kontraman,
Elias Kontraman,
John Keator, Junr.
Petrus Keator,
Nicholas Keator,
Hendrich B. Krom,
Hendrich W. Krom,
Daniel Brodhead,
Christopher Snyder,
Michael Tects,
Petrus Davies,
Johannis Sluyter,
Hendrick Kyser,
Joseph Keyser,
William Bray,
Cornelius Keyser,
William Sluyter,
Richard Stokes,
Cornelius Camer,
Dirck Krom,
John Roosa,
Jacob Seley,
Daniel Van Luven,
Jacob Klaarwater,
Isaac Klaarwater,
Daniel Klaarwater,
Frederick Bush,
Hendricus Crispell,
Frederick Klaarwater,
John Smith,
Jacob Kyser,
William Hardy,
Thomas Johnson,
Johannes Van Leuven.

In Pursuance of a Resolve of the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York, dated ye 29th^th^ Day of May, 1775, We the Committee of the Township of Marbletown in the County of Ulster, do hereby Certify that the above List or Roll Contains all the Persons Names who have Signed the General Association within the Township of Marbletown and also William Wood on the Back hereof who refuses Signing the same, all which with humble submission we herewith return to the Provincial Congress aforesaid. Dated at Marbletown. 5 June 1775.

LEVI PAWLING, *Chairman.*

Associators in Hurley, Ulster County, July 6th, 1775.

[Associations, &c., 30: 52.]

Johannis Hardenburgh,
Dirck Wynkoop,
Abraham Van Wagenen,
Cornelius Newkerk,
Johannis Duboys,
Heugo Frear,
Benjamin Crispel,
John Van deusen,
Anthony Crispel,
Simon Lafaver,
Jacob J. Van Wagenen,
Petrus Van Wagenen,
Hendrickus Osterhout,
Garredt Konstopel,
Petrus York,
Ephraim Kyser,
Abram Kyser,
Jonetan Huchin,

Heyman Roosa,
Garrett Van Wagenen,
Jacob Frear, Junr.
Francis Delavigne, of Beilveil,
Cornelius Crispel,
Johannis Blonshan,
Samuel Schoonmaker,
Petrus P. Crispel,
Jacob Duboys, Junr.
Johannes Van Wagennen, jr.
Johannis Delamater,
Hendrick Konstopel,
Petrus Roosa,
Egbert Roosa,
John Winfiel,
Petrus Crispel, Jr.
John Clyn,
Zacharias Sluyter,
Hendrick Smith,
Jacob Winfiel,
Jacob H. Roosa,
Johannis Suylant,
Jacob Berger,
Jacob Blanshan,
Johannis Wieler,
Petrus Wynkoop,
Jacob Lafaver,
Samuel Lafaver,
Abraham Crispel,
Cornelius Cool, Jun.,
Coenradt W. Elmendorph,
Benjamin Sluyter,
Abraham Sluyter,
Benjamin J. Van Wagenen,
Huego J Freer,
Benjamin H. Freer,
Jonathan Freer,
Robert Masten,
Daniel York,
Jacob Krom,
Cornelius Krom,
Benjamin Winfiel,
Jeremiah Freer,
Matthew Blanshin, Jun.
John Borrow,
Jacob Kyser, Jun.
Coenradt Lafaver,
John Davis,
Elias Teerpenning,
Samuel Burhans, Jun.
Benjamin Newkerk,
Zacharias Roosa,
Cornelius Cool,
Huybert Ostrander,
Johannis Ostrander,
Coenradt Elmendorph,
Jacobus Hardenberh,
Jacob Sluyter,
Edward Brain,
David Delemater,
Hue Borow,
Garardes Hardenbergh, Jun.
Jan Van deusen,
Lucas Elmendorpph,
Cornelius D. Wynkoop,
Mathewis Ten Eyck,
Charles De Witt,
A. Wynkoop,
Matthys Blanjan,
Petrus Crispell,
Coenraat Nieukerk,
Jacob H. Van Wagenen,
Abraham Krom,
Joannes Van Wagennen,
Jacobus Conway.

This is to certify that the persons Whose Names are Contained in the within Paper Being all the inhabitants of the town of hurley, Have themselves or by their order, Subscribed to the Association Within Written.

By order of the Committee,
A. WYNCOOP, *Chairman.*

Hurley, July 6th, 1775.

Associators in New Paltz, Ulster County.

[Military Committee, 25: 32.]

New Paltz May 10th, 1775.

A General Association agreed to and subscribed by the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of the *New Paltz* and the Neighbourhood annexed thereto:

Abraham Doian,
Nathaniel Dubois,
Gerrit ffreer, Jun.
Thomas Tomkins,
Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr.
Jedidiah Doan,
Zophar Perkins,
Oliver Grey,
Leonard Lewis,
John Stevens,
Daniel Fowler,
Daniel Woolsey,
Alexander Lane,
Zacharias Hasbrouck,
Petrus Freer
Abraham Doian, Jr.
Petrus Hasbrouck,
Solomon Low,
Christophel Doyo,
Benjamin Freer,
Isaac Monyon,
Christophel Dugain,
John Terwilger,
Israel Cole,
John Neely
Petrus J. Schoonmaker,
Abraham Hass,
Josaphat Hasbrouck,
Isaac Harris,
Johannis M. Louw,
Jonathan Le fever,
Henry Herald,
Jacob Dubois,
Lewis Puntenear,
Cornelius Bedford,
Ebenezer Gilbert,
Nathaniel Wyatt,
Justus Hubbel,
David Whitney,
John Woolsey,
Eleazer Cole,
Simon Dubois,
Dirk D. Wynkoop,
Jacob Carring,
John Lemyon,
Michael Palmeteer,
Jacobus Hasbroeck,
David Hasbroeck,
Abraham Donaldson,
John Le fever,
Jonathan Presler,

Simon Freer,
Lewis F. Dubois,
Abraham Vander Merken,
Michael Devoe,
Isaac Freer,
Jacob Bevier,
Simeon Doyo, Junr.
Petrus Van Wagenen,
Cornelius Eltinge,
John A. Hardenbergh,
Jos. Hasbrouck,
Peleg Ransom,
Ebenezer Perkins,
Johannis Eckert,
Daniel Freer, Junr.
Roelof Josias Eltinge,
Samuel Bevier,
Andries Lefever,
Hugo Freer, Junr.
Benjamin Hasbrouck, Junr.
Nathaniel Potter,
Daniel Diver,
David Super,
Samuel Johnson,
John McDaniel,
Ralph Trobridge,
Benjamin Elsworth,
Isaac Thomkins, Junr.
William Lane,
Joshua Drew,
Jonathan Johnson,
Elijah Drew,
John Dacker,
William Weaver,
Anthony Yelverton, Junr.
John Presler,
Richard Lewis,
Peter Drew,
William Tilson,
Michael Laroy,
Jacob Whitney,
Thomas Sasson,
Simeon Crandel,
Solomon Eltinge,
Jehu Louw,
Simon Doiau,
George Nies,
Petrus Bevier,
Peter Doyo,
Benjamin Dubois,
Christeyan Doyo,
Benjamin Doyo,
William Allison,
Abraham Ein,
Abraham Le fever,
Elias Hardenbergh,

Hendricus Dubois,
William Hood,
Johannis Walron,
Henry Lits,
Stephen Bedford,
Jonas Bedford,
Daniel Le fever,
Cornelius Dubois,
Daniel Dubois,
Johannis W. Smith,
Jacob J. Freer,
Philip Doiau,
Isaac Dubois,
Joseph Terwilger,
Paulus Freer,
Jonas Freer,
Jesias Hasbrouck,
Jonathan Doiau,
George Wirtz,
Jonas Freer, Junr.
Teunis Van Vliet,
Cornelius Dubois, Junr.
Wilhelmus Schoonmaker,
Isaac Louw,
Henry Green,
Robert Phenix,
Jonathan Terwilger,
Jacob Weaver,
Joseph Elsworth,
Thomas Lemunyon,
Thomas Cole,
Josiah Drake,
John Way,
William Elsworth, Junr.
Samuel Lewis,
Joseph Brooks,
Moses Quinby,
Hugh Cole,
James Dacker,
Isaac Seaman,
Jacob Degarmo,
Seth Hubbell,
Henry Doyo, Junr.
Jeremiah Tomkins,
Joseph Ransom,
James Done,
Wouter Slyter,
Martinus Griffin,
Daniel Doiau,
Abraham Dubois,
Andreas Dubois, Junr.
Daniel Dubois, Jur.
Reuben Campbell,
David Louw,
John Le fever, Junr.
Hendrick Wesemuller,

Richard Tomkins,
William Keech,
Isaac Le fever,
Andries Le fever, Junr.
Abraham Eltinge,
Johannis Low,
Joseph Griffin,
John Griffin, Junr.
Jacob Louw,
Simeon Louw,
Matthew Le fever,
John York,
Solomon Bevier,
John B. Doyo,
Daniel Freer,
Zachariah Sickles,
Frederick Hymes,
Solomon Le fever
Thomas Shirky,
Thomas Dunn, Junr.
Nathaniel Le fever, Junr.
James Dunn,
Samuel Teerpenningh,
Thomas Dunn,
Joseph Freer,
Johannis Freer,
Simeon Campbell,
Jedidiah Thomson,
Peter Viely,
Hendricus Dubois, Junr.
Petrus Vander Merken,
Methusalem Dubois,
Johannis Doyo, Junr.
Henry Puntenear,
Petrus Lefever,
Valentine Perkins,
Abraham Concklin,
John Lester,
George Nies, Junr.
Laurence Nies,
John Nies,
Peter Palmeteer,
William Mozer,
Casper Maybey,
Daniel Turner,
Henry Hannes,
Anthony Yelverton,
Michael Weaver,
Gideon Dean,
Isaac Tomkins,
John Riker,
William Donaldson,
James Auchmoutie,
Abraham Devoe,
William Elsworth, Senr.
Joseph Coddington.

A true Copy. By Order of the Committee of the New Paltz, &c.

The following is a list of the names of those who refused or neglected to subscribe the General Association:

Nathaniel Dubois, Chairman.	Matthew M^{c}Keeby,
Joseph Coddington, Comm. Clk.	Richard Carman,
Samuel Townsend,	Noah Eltinge, Esq.,
Jacobus Auchmoutie,	Nathaniel Waters.

[Mil. Committee, 25: 45.]

New Paltz, May y^{e} 24 Day, 1775.

At A meeting held on said Day We whose names are hereto anext, not being able to furnish ourselves with arms and meteriels sutable for the Disstressed Colamity which hangs over ours and our neighbouring Colonies Heads, Still willing to abide with the Continential Congress being furnished

John Decker,	Simeon Crandal,	William Weaver,
Elijah Drew,	Peter Drew,	Joseph Elsworth,
Joshua Drew,	Samuel Johnson,	James Decker,
Isaac Tomkins, Jun^{r}.	John M^{c}Daniel,	Ralph Trobridge.
Thomas Tomkins,	Jonathan Johnson,	

Officers of Minute Companies in Ulster County.

[Associations, &c., 30: 398.]

Charles DeWitt, Coll.
Andries De Witt, Jun^{r}. Lieut.
Christophel Tappen, 1 Major,
Cornelius E. Wynkoop, 2 Major,
Oake Sudam, Adjutant,
Cornelius J. Elmondorph, Quartermaster.

For *the Precinct of Marlborough and Newburg.*

Silas Purdy, Capt.
Wolvert Ecker, 1st Lieut.
Zophar Perkins, 2d Do.
Leonard Smith, Jun^{r}. Ensign.

For *Wallkill Precinct.*

Francis Burn, Capt.
Samuel M^{c}Cord, 1st Lieut.
Rob^{t}. Rogers, 2d Lieut.
William Wilkins, Jun., Ensign.

For *Hanover Precinct.*

Peter Hill, Capt.
James Latta, 1st Lieut.
Nathaniel Milligan, 2d Lieut.
William Goodgion, Ensign.

A Confession of Faith by the Inhabitants of the Township of Hempstead, L. I.

[Associations, &c., 30: 386.]

This printed paper, published by desire of many principal Gentlemen of Queens County, contains an explicit Declaration of the Sentiments and Intentions of the People of this County; and as such it is hoped will give satisfaction to all persons whatsoever.

Wherefore the Gentlemen now^{r} met from different Parts of the County do not apprehend it will be necessary to do anything farther at this time.

Resolutions passed at the Town of Hempstead, Queens County.

[American Archives, 4th series, 2: 273.]

Hempstead, April 4, 1775.

At this critical time of publick danger and distraction, when it is the duty of every honest man and friend to his Country to declare his sentiments openly, and use every endeavour to ward off the impending calamities which threaten this once happy and peaceful land, we, the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Hempstead, in Queens County, in the Province of New York, being legally assembled on the first Tuesday in April, 1775, have voluntarily entered into the following Resolutions:

1st. That as we have already borne true and faithful allegiance to His Majesty King George the Third, our gracious and lawful Sovereign, so we are firmly resolved to persist in the same line of duty to him and his lawful successors.

2d. That we esteem our civil and religious liberties above any other blessings, and those only can be secured to us by our happy Constitution; we shall inviolably adhere to it, since deviating from it and introducing innovations, would have a direct tendency to subvert it, from which the most ruinous consequences might be justly apprehended.

3d. That it is our ardent desire to have the present unnatural contest between the Parent State and her Colonies amicably and speedily accommodated on principles of constitutional liberty, and that the union of the Colonies with the Parent State may subsist till time shall be no more.

4th. That as the worthy Members of our General Assembly, who are our only legal and constitutional Representatives, have lately taken the most rational and effectual measures to bring about this much wished-for accommodation, by petitioning his most gracious Majesty, a Memorial to the House of Lords, and a Remonstrance to the House of Commons; we are determined, therefore, patiently to wait for the issue of these measures, and carefully avoid everything that might frustrate those laudable endeavours of our Representatives.

5th. That as choosing Deputies to form a Provincial Congress, or Convention, must have this tendency, be highly disrespectful to our legal Representatives, and also be attended, in all probability, with the most pernicious effects in other instances, as is now actually the case in some Provinces — such as shutting up the Courts of Justice, levying money on the subjects to enlist men for the purpose of fighting against our Sovereign, diffusing a spirit of sedition among the people, destroying the authority of constitutional assemblies, and otherwise introducing many heavy and oppressive grievances, — we therefore are determined not to choose any Deputies for such Provincial Congress or Convention, nor consent to it, but do solemnly bear our testimony against it.

6th. That we are utterly averse to all mobs, riots, and illegal proceedings, by which the lives, peace, and property of our fellow-subjects are endangered; and that we will, to the utmost of our power, support our legal Magistrates in suppressing all riots, and preserving the peace of our liege Sovereign.

HULET PETERS, *Town Clerk.*

Election of delegates to the Provincial Convention from Queens county.

[Cred. of Del., 24: 9.]

Whereas the unhappy Disputes between our Mother Country and the American Colonies, we humbly conceive, hath arisen from an assumed power claimed by the British Parliament, to pass laws binding upon us in all cases whatsoever (and in many instances have exercised said power) hath given us Great uneasiness, and as we conceive that unanimity, amongst the inhabitants of the several Colonies who are affected by the same, is the only means under Providence to secure to us the essential Rights and liberties of Englishmen, and in Order, that the inhabitants of the different Colonies should know each others sentiments, and to form General plans for the Union and Regulation of the whole, it is necessary there should be delegates appointed from each Colony to meet in general Congress, and whereas the Committee of Correspondence of New York, did by notification request the people of Queens county to choose Deputies, to meet in Provincial Convention, on the twentieth of this instant, April, at New York to appoint delegates to represent the Colony of New York in a Continental Congress, proposed to be held at Philadelphia on the tenth day of May next. In Consequence thereof, on the fourth of said April, there was a town meeting at Oyster Bay in Queens county for the appointing of one Deputy for the purpose aforesaid, but there appearing a majority at said meeting against it, yet nevertheless, we the subscribers, freeholders of said Oyster Bay being determined to

do all in our power to keep in Unity with you, and the Colonies on this Continent, and desirous of being in some manner represented at the General Congress, do hereby nominate, constitute, appoint and empower *Zebulon Williams* our Deputy; Giving and Granting unto him, full power and authority to act in our behalf, in the premises aforesaid. In Confirmation hereof we have hereunto set our hands respectively, April 12th 1775.

George Townsend,
Micajah Townsend,
William Seaman,
David Laton,
George Bennet,
Joseph Carpenter,
John Schenck,
Peter Hageman,
James Townsend, Jr.
John Wright,
Gilbert Wright,
Richard Weeks,
James Townsend,
William Townsend,
Prior Townsend,
William Latting,
Benjamin Latting,
Joseph Thorney Craft,
William Hopkins,
Joseph Coles,
Albert Albertson,
John Luister,
Rem Hegeman,
Samson Crocker,
Jacobus Luister,
Albert Van Nostrand,
Jotham Townsend,
William Laton, Jr.
William Laton,
Peter Mutty X mark,
Benjamin Rushmore,
William Wright,
Isaac Bogart,
John Carpenter,
James Farley,
Gideon Wright,
Saml. Hare, Jr.
Gilbert Hare,
Benjamin Birdsall,
Bm. Townsend,
Joseph Doty.
Josiah Lattin.

Votes of the Freeholders of New Town for Col. *Jacob Blackwell* a Deputee to Represent in Provincial Convention to be held at New York, 20th Inst:

Abrm. March,
Saml. Burtis,
Edw. Howard,
Edw. Edsill, Esqr.
James Way,
John Shannan,
Benj. Field,
Robt. Coe,
Rem Remsen,
Simon Horton,
Joseph Morrill,
John Parsall,
Wm. Furman,
Peter Riker,
Richard Lawrance,
Ludlam Heirs,
Elithan Leveret,
Benj. Coe,
John Culver,
Benj. North,
Saml. Woodward, Junr.
Cons. Beman,
Danl Burtis,
Jeromius Remsen,
John McDonack, Sr.
Jacob Parsell,
Benj. Field, Junr.
Richd. Rapelye,
Assr. Devine,
Wm. Bayley,
John Way,
Thos. North,
Jonan. March,
Jacob Boorom,
Benjamin Coe,
Francis Titus,
Charles Boorom,
John Burris,
Stepn. Field,
Ths. Burris,
Jas. Betts,
Edwd. Titus,
Ezekl. Furman,
Robt. Field,
John Way, Junr.
Thos. Betts,
Benj. Cornish,
John Coe,
Saml. Merrit,
Jonan. Coe,
Saml. Hollett,
Natl. Pittett,
Geo. Brinkerhoff, Junr.
Jas. Gosline,
John Gosline,
Saml. Edsell,
Jonn. Fish,
Sam. T. Fish,
Wm. Sackett,
Sam. Coe,
John Leverich, Junr.
Christopher Remsen,
Jeromus Remsen, Junr.
James Burris,
Wm. Betts,
Howard Furman,
Stepn. Pettit,
Saml. Lawrance,
Joseph Lawrance,
John Fish,
Wm. Lawrance,
Luke Remsen,
John Burtis,
Saml. Waldron,
Thos. Cumberson,
Richd. Burris,
Phill Edsell, Jun.
Abram. Brinkerhoff,
Abn. Riker,
Donise Vandine,
Jacob Hallett, Jun.
Richd. Betts,
Phill Woodard,
Morris Hazard,
Saml. Renney,
Capt. Sam. Moore,
Joseph Boss,
Gabriel Furman,
Capt. Jonn. Lawrance,
Saml. Riker,
Wm. Howard,
Johannes Cornell,
Wm. Van Dine,
Capt. Thomas Lawrance,
Danl. Lawrance,
Nathn. Baley,
Jonas. Roberts,
Athr. Betts,
Jonathan Furman,
John Sundam.

Election of Delegate at Flushing.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 17.]

Flushing, April 17th, 1775.

This is to Certify that on the fourth day of this instant April, after due notice being given to the Freeholders of Flushing, at an Annual Town Meeting, it was proposed that a Deputy should be Chosen to represent this town at a Provincial Convention which is proposed to be held in the City of New York on the twentieth instant, after some debates, the business was put to Vote, when Mr. *John Tulman* was by a great Majority, Chosen and appointed, as their deputy to represent this town, in the above said Provincial Convention.

JOHN RODMAN, *Town Clerk*,
STEPHEN V. WYCK.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Dutchess County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 5.]

At a meeting of Committees from the Precincts of Rhinebeck, North-East, Amenia, and Rondout in the County of Dutchess, held at Charlotte Precinct in the said County, on Friday April 14th 1775, Messrs. *Morris Graham*, *Robert R. Livingston* Jr., and *Egbert Benson* were Elected Deputies to represent the said County in the Provincial Convention at the City of New York on the 20th Instant, and to represent the respective Precincts, who have sent Committees to this Meeting, as the Convention from a state of facts, to be laid before them shall determine.

EGB^{T}. BENSON, *Chairman*.

Committee for *Rhinebeek*.
John Van Ness,
Robert R. Livingston, Jun^{r}.

Committee for *Amenia*.
Jn^{o}. Chamberlain,
Brinton Paine,
Silas Marsh.

Committee for *North East*.
Morris Graham,
Will^{m}. Stewart.

Committee for *Rumbout*.
Thad^{s}. V. Wick, Ju^{r}.
Roeloff Schenck,
Stephen Duryee.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Convention from Kings County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 21.]

At a meeting of the Several Committees chosen by the Freeholders of the following Townships in Kings County, viz.: Flatbush, Brookland, Bushwick, New Utrecht and Gravesend, for the purpose of choosing Deputies to meet with the Deputies from the other Counties at New York on the 20th April Instant, to Choose delegates to attend the Continental Congress to be held at Philadelphia on the 10th of May next, met at Flatbush at the County Hall on the 15th April 1775.

PRESENT.

For the township of *Flatbush:*
David Clarkson,
Adrian Voorhees,
Jacobus Van Deventer,
John Vanderbilt.

For the township of *Bushwick:*
Thodorus Polhemus,
John Titus,
Joost Duryee,
Abraham Van Ranst.
Abraham Leguere.

For the township of *Brookland:*
Simon Boeram,
Henry Williams,
Jeremiah Remsen.
John Seydam,
Johannes Bergen,
Jacob Sharpe,
Rem Cowenhoven.

For the township of *New Utrecht:*
Petrus Van Pelt,
Denice Denice,
Adrian Hegeman.

For the township of *Gravesend.*
Richard Stillwell,
Isaac Denice.

Simeon Boerom, Esqr., *Chosen Chairman.*

Resolved unanimously, That *Simeon Boerom*, *Richard Stillwell*, *Theodorus Polhemus*, *Denice Denice*, *and John Van Der Bilt*, or the Major part of them, be appointed, and they are hereby appointed, deputies for Kings County, to meet the Deputies of the other Counties, within this Colony at New York on 20th instant, to choose delegates to attend the Continental Congress at Philadelphia on the 10th of May Next.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Meeting, be returned to Simeon Boerom Esq and to all the other Gentlemen who attended that so justly celebrated Congress, so honorable Not only to them, but to all North America.

Mr. Justice Cowenhoven appeared at this meeting, and informed, that the Township of Flat Lands, did not intend to put a negative on their proceedings, but that they chose at present to hold themselves neutral.

Signed by order of the committee,
ABRAHAM VAN RANST, *Clerk.*

Election for Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Richmond County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 127.]

At a meeting of the Freeholders of the County of Richmond, at Richmond Town in the Said County on the first day of May in the year of our Lord 1775, agreeable to a Public Notice of such Meeting. Benjamim Seaman, Esq^r., *Chairman.* Paul Micheau, *Clerk of said County.*

The freeholders of the said County taking into Consideration the Distressed and alarming state of the Colonies, and the necessity of a Provincial Congress, did unanimously Elect and appoint Mess^rs *Paul Micheau*, *John Journey*, *Aaron Cortelyou*, *Richard Conner*, and *Richard Lawrence* or the major part of them to represent the said County of Richmond at the next Provincial Congress, intended to be held in the City of York on the 22^nd Day of May, Instant.

Signed by order of the said Freeholders,
PAUL MICHEAU,
Clerk of said County of Richmond.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Orange County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 123, 145, 169, 173.]

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Orange town in the County of Orange at the House of Mr Yoest Mabie in Said town on Wednesday the third day of May A. D., 1775. Jacob Concklin Esquire in the Chair, and Doctor Tho^s Outwater, clk.

Resolved, nem con. that *Col Abraham Lent*, and *John Hering*, Esquire, be the Deputies for this town to represent us at the Provincial Congress proposed to be held in the City of New York on the Twenty-Second day of this instant, and that

we will abide by, and observe such measures as the Said Congress shall from time to time direct or recommend.

By order of the Meeting

JACOB CONCKLIN, *Chairman.*
THO^{s} OUTWATER, *Clark.*

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the precinct of Goshen in the County of Orange and Colony of New York, assembled at the House of Mr Isaac Nicholl, Innholder in the town of Goshen on Wednesday the tenth day of May, 1775. Peter Clowes was chosen Chairman.

Resolved unanimously, that as the present critical situation of affairs, makes it necessary for a provincial Congress to be held; that *Michael Jackson*, *Peter Clowes*, *Benjamin Tustin*, and *William Allison* or any two of them, do attend therein, at the City of New York on the twenty second day of this instant, May, as Delegates for this Precinct. By Order of the Meeting

BALTH. DE HAERT, *Clk.*

Whereas it is proposed that a Provincial Convention of Deputies from the Different Citys and Counties in this Province, should meet in the City of New York on the 22nd day of this instant in order to Deliberate and Direct such measures as may be thought necessary for the Preservation of our Rights and Liberties; We the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precinct of Haverstraw in the County of Orange, being mett, Do unanimously chuse *John Coe* and *David Pye* as Deputies to Represent the said Precinct and do authorize and impower the said John Coe and David Pye to represent the said Precinct in the said Convention, and to act, transact, and direct all such measures as shall be thought necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

Per order of the said Meeting,

JOHANNES ISA. BLAUVELT, *Moderator.*

May the 12th 1775.

At a meeting of the freeholders of the Precinct of Cornwall, held at the house of John Brewster on the 15th of May 1775, convened agreeable to advertisement. After choosing Jesse Woodhull, Esqr., Moderator, and Thomas Moffatt, Clark, a letter was then Read, Signed by Isaac Low, Chairman of the Committee of New York, recommending the choosing of Deputies in the several counties in this Province to Represent them in Provincial Congress on the 22d instant; the meeting then proceeded deliberately and chose *Israel Seely*, *Jesse Woodhull*, *Esq.*, and *Jeremiah Clark* (or any one of them) Deputies for this precinct for the purposes aforesaid, as part of the Representation of the County of Orange.

JESSE WOODHULL, *Chairman.*

Blooming Grove, May 15th, 1775.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Suffolk county.

[Cred. of Del., 24: 137, 141, 175.]

At a meeting of the several Committees of Correspondence from the different towns in this County of Suffolk, at the County Hall the 5th day of May, 1775. William Smith, *Chairman.*

The letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of New York, recommending to this county, to choose Deputies, to meet Deputies from all the counties in this Province in General Congress, in the City of New York on Monday 22^{d} of May instant, being read,

Voted, N. C. D. That Coll. *Nathaniel Woodhull*, *John Sloss Hubbard*, *Thomas Tredwell*, *John Foster*, *Ezra L'Hommedieu*, *Thomas Wickham*, and *James Havens*, or any three of them, be deputies for this county, who are hereby fully impowered to meet the Deputies from the other Counties in this Province in Provincial Congress in New York or elsewhere on the 22nd day of this Instant to deliberate upon,

and from time to time to direct such measures as shall be expedient for our common safety and the preservation of our Rights and Privileges, the said Deputies to act for one year, unless Peace and harmony between the Colonies and Great Britain be sooner restored, or other Persons be choosen in their stead.

Signed by order of the committee,

WM. SMITH, *Chairman.*

COUNTY HALL, May 5th, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: We beg leave to inform you that the committee from the several towns in this county here met, have chosen seven persons to represent this county at the provincial Congress to be held at New York the 22d of this instant, and should be glad of your concurrence therein. The association agreement so generally entered into in New York by all parties, is herewith sent to you, hoping you will sign the same, and take such measures as you Judge Proper to let the Inhabitants of your town have an opportunity to Sign; if your town approve of our choice you will signify it, to one of the deputies, and if you think Proper to Choose a Deputy it will be very agreeable to this Committee.

To Capt. Nathan Woodhull, Richard Woodhull, Jonathan Thompson, John Woodhull, Selah Strong, Thos. Helmes, Esqr., Maj'r Benjn Floyd, Mr. Samuel Thompson, of Brookhaven.

Names of the Persons Chosen Deputies.

John Sloss Hubbard,
Thos. Tredwell,
Coll. Woodhull,
John Foster.
Ezra L'Hommedieu,
Thomas Wickham,
James Havens.

By order of the Committee,

WM. SMITH, *Chairman.*

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, BROOKHAVEN, May the 19th, 1775.

Whereas the committees of the several towns within this county met at the county hall on the 5th day of May, 1775, and whereas Brookhaven was not represented by a committy at sd meeting the several committys thought fit to write a letter to the Inhabitants of sd Brookhaven Signifying their desire that they should unite with the other towns in chusing a deputy to unite with the seven deputies which they had chose to represent this county at the Provincial Congress to be held at New York on the 22d day of this instant, Now we the Residents within the limmets of the first company of Militia of said town, do in conjunction with the other companys in said Township Chuse *Selah Strong*, Esq., as one of the Deputies to represent said county. In witness whereof we have hereunto assigned our names.

Nathan Woodhull,
Jonathan Thomson,
Nathaniel Roe,
Richard Woodhull,
Samuel Thompson,
Selah Strong, Jun.
Caleb Brewster,
Jacob Hawkins,
Edmund Smith,
Isaac Davis,
Nathaniel, Roe, Junr.
Phillip Roe,
John Roe,
Thomas Smith,
Alexr. Hawkins,
David Hawkins,
Semeon Hawkins,
Alexr. Hawkins, Junr.
Joseph Hawkins,
Samuel Davis.

[Associations, 30: 114.]

August the 3d 1775, a list of the names of Such as have not signed the association within the limits of the first company of Malition for Brookhaven:

Elijah Bales,
William Biggs,
David Gray,
Edward more,
Richard Dusick,
Phillip Smith,
Arthur Allesby,
Amos Smith,
Isaac Biggs,
Robert Jayne,
Daniel Jones, Junr,
Richard Terrill,
Abell Biggs,
Stephen Davis,
David Hallock,

John Bennet,
Benjamin Jones,
Jonathan Hallock, Juner,
John Smith, Juner,
Isaac Smith, Juner,
John Biggs,
Henry Davis,
Robert Jayne, Juner,
Zacheriah Hawkins,
Pheneas Davis, Juner,
David Gold,
Henry Hallock,
Daniel Smith, Juner,
Antony Boston,
David Biggs,
John Lyons,
Ludewick Haekstaff,
Henry Lyons,
Timothy Smith,
Daniel Satterly,
Vincent Jones,
John Akerly,
Benjamin Brewster, Juner,
William Buchanan,
Caleb Hawkins,
Elijah Akerly,
Samuel Jayne,
Capt. Benjamin Filor,
Benjamin Smith,
Stephen Jayne,
Samuel Longbotham,
Jesse Hulse,
William Longbotham,
Robert Akerly,
Gilbert Hulse,
William Tucker,
Stephen Akerly,
Benjamin Smith, Juner,
Silas Smith,
Arthur Smith,
Charles Tooker,
Stephen Jones,
John Smith,
Gilbor Smith,
Benjamin Buchanan,
Joseph Jayne, Juner,
William Jayne, Juner,
Benajah Smith,
Zepheniah Smith,
Reverend James Lyon,
Major Benjamin Floyd,
Doctor Gilbert Smith,
Doctor Stephen Woodhull,
Joseph Brewster,
Benjamin Brewster,
Joseph Denton,
Capt. Ebbenezer Jones,
William Jayne,
Selah Hulse,
Israel Bennett,
John Satterly,
Elijah Smith, blacksmith,
John Baylos,
Jacob Biggs,
Timothy Tooker,
Nathanael Baylies,
Ludewick Haestaff,
Richard Hallock, Quaker,
Thomas Ruggard,
Nathanael Smith.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 147.]

Brookhaven, May the 17th, 1775.

Then being met the second company of the above s[d] town whereof Ebenezer Miller is captain, and were desired that all such as was willing to be represented in the Provincial Convention, to be held at New York the 22d of this month, would manifest it by setting their votes or names to this paper.

Selah Strong, Esqr., Being the man chosen to represent us.

Capt. Ebenezer Miller,
Leu[t]. Caleb Woodhull,
Ensign Davis,
Serg[ts]. Noah Hallock, David Davis, Merrit S. woodhul,
Joseph Phillips,
Timothy Norton, Jun[r].
Azel Jarrett,
Edmond Robinson,
Daniel Balis,
Martin Brown,
Elisha Davis,
Silas Davis,
Timothy Davis,
Joshua Davis,
Samuel Phillips, Jun[r].
William Phillips,
Israel Davis,
Andrew Miller,
Hennery Woodhull,
James Woodhull,
Gilbert Woodhull,
Jacob Eaton,
fortunatus Taylor,
Josiah Hallock,
Spicer Davis,
Josiah Woodhull,
William Miller,
Gilbert Davis,
Richard Davis,
Jeffery Woodhull,
Chapmyn Davis,
Noah Hallock, Jun.
Joseph Brown, Jun.
Mica Seidmore,
Renear Vanhoose,
Justice John Woodhull,
Joseph Brown,
Thomas Robinson,
Dr. Theophelus Phillips,
Thomas Balis,
Rosel Hubbard,
Joseph Davis,

The above names signed in the presence of us

EBENEZER MILLER,
WESSEL SILL, Clk,
JOSEPH BROWN.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 153.]

Brookhaven, May ye 17th, 1775, then were called together the third company, commanded by Capt. Nathan Rose, the Ques[n] being put whether they were for appointing a Deputy in this town to join the other Depnties of this county, to meet the provincial convention to be held the 22[d] of this instant, May, in New York, to consult the General good of this colony, past in the affirmitive, N. C.

Then the Question was put whether *Selah Strong*, Esquire, should be the man to represent this town in joining with the other Deputies of this county in provincial convention, to be held in New York ye 22d of this instant, passed, without one Dissenting voice, in the affermitive, to which they have affixt their names.

Capt. Nathan Rose,	Benajah Hubbard,	John Smith,
Left^{t} Thomas Rose,	Sam^{l} Dayton,	Stephen Satterly,
John Marvin,	Richard Hulse,	Nathaniel Brewster,
Jehiel Weed,	Joseph Ferry,	Isaac Robbins,
Matthew Woodruff,	Jeffrey Brewster,	Mordecai Homan, Junr.
Thaddeus Cole,	Robert Hawkins,	Annanias Smith,
Jedediah Marvin,	Ebenezer Homan, Junr.	Micajah Jane,
Ephraim Smith,	Nathaniel Finch,	Ezekiel Homan,
Thomas Avery,	Mordecai Homan, 3d,	Daniel Rose,
Jesse Rose,	Matthew Marvin,	Mordecai Homan,
Isaac Woodruff,	Reynold Finch,	Nathaniel Smith,
Ezekiel Hedges,	Joseph Homan,	Joseph Sweasy,
Isaiah Moger,	Jonah Tucker,	Nathan Rose, Jun^{r}
Ebenezer Homan,	Daniel Jones,	Matthew Beale.
William Baker,	Francis Burns, Junio^{r},	

We, the under written persons, were present when the above and within persons subscribed their names, and were Freeholders and inhabitants within the town of Brookhaven.

WM. SMITH,
NATH^{EL} WOODHULL,
JOSIAH SMITH.

[Associations, 30: 115.]

In the 3d company those that Refused to sign the association in the limmits:

Major Richard Floyd,	Zebulon Robbins,	Benjamin Smith.
Isaac Robbins,		

Brookhaven, August the 3d, 1775. names sent in by order of the committee.

[Petitions 31: 233.]

May y^{e} 16th, 1775. Meet the forth Company of Brookhaven whereof David Mulford is Cap^{n}, and were Desired to manifest by their voats whether they were Descreous to be represented in the provincial Convention to be held at New York the 22d of this instant, past N. C. Then who should represent them. Voated that *Selah Strong*, Esq^{r}., be the person to represent them. Past without Contradiction, to which wee have subscribed our names.

Daniel Roe,	David Mulford, Clerk,	Isaac Davis,
Jonathan Johnes,	John Leek,	Timothy Wood,
Job Mulford,	William Clark, Jun^{r}.	William Brewster, Jun^{r}.
Ludley Clarke,	Daniel Davis, Jun^{r}.	James Sell,
William Still,	Ebenezer Dayton,	Sam^{l} Tallmage,
James Overton,	Isaac Smith,	James Orsborn,
Benjamin Woodhull,	Jonathan Benjamin,	Benjamin Petty,
Mordecai Homan,	Palmer Overton,	Bennit Dayton,
John Allbeen,	Benjamin Gerrard,	Justus Overton,
Stephen Randel,	William Davis,	Christopher Swezey,
William Swezey,	William Edwards,	James Tucker,
Gillum Davis,	James Moger,	Paul Hulse,
Selah Brown,	John Turner,	Enos Bishop,
Goldsmith Davis,	Nath^{l} Overton,	Luke Pritchard,
Zopher Davis,	John Arnold,	William Clarke, Sen^{r}
William Gerrard, Jun^{r}.	Jonathan Jones,	Eleazer Bellows,
Nehemiah Hulse,	Daniel Pety,	Gershom Terry,
Daniel Swezey,	Greshom Brown,	Joseph Soward, Jun^{r}.
Isaac Swezey,	Brewster Terry,	Joseph Terry,
William Brewster, Lieut.	Nathan Davis,	Samuel Saturly,

Elijah Davis, Quartermaster,
Christopher Moger, Ensign,
Nathaniel Morton, Serg^{t}.
John Howel, Sergant,
Abel Swezey,
James Swezey,
Francis Hallit,
Messenger Overton,
Joseph Gerrard,
Arthur Moger,
James Swezey, J^{r}.

[Associations, 30: 115.]

A list of those that Refused to sign the association in the 4th company, within the Limmits.

John Haman,
Samuel Conkling,
James Bishop,
Zacheriah Hawkins, junior,
Joseph Homan,
John Hulse,
Zophar Gerreard,
Joel Conkling,
Christopher Robinson,
Nathaniel Hawkins,
Enos Swezey.

Middle Island Company List, May 23d, 1775.

Those of the Contrary mind:

John Homan, Sergant,
David Overton,
Zachariah Hawkings, Jun^{r}.
Nathanael Longbottom,
Timothy Lane.

The above Desenters professed to be nothing, against or for the votes; but stand as nutrals—Note, the whole of the names in both Lists were put down at their Desire in presants of us.

EBENEZAR DAYTON,
JOHN WOODHULL,
WM. SMITH.

Names of Associators in 2d Brookhaven Company—June & July, 1775.

[Associations, 30: 115, 146.]

Selah Strong, Esq^{r}.
Thomas Helme, Esq^{r}.
John Robinson,
John Woodhull,
Rukard Robinson, Sergt.
Jabish Norton,
George Norton,
Jared Wooley,
Andrew Miller, Jun^{r}.
Thomas Helme, Jun^{r}.
Wessel Sill,
William Helme,
Joshua Tuthill,
Peter Seidmore,
Daniel Hammond,
Jerimiah kinner,
James Moger,
Samuel Hopkins,
Samuel Dayton, third,
James Woodhull,
William Jane,
Lifilet Tucker,
Daniel Robbins,
Samuel Hopkins, Jr.
John Tooker,
Henry Robbins,
Joseph Davis, Jr.
Isaac Robinson,
Benjamin Tuthill,
Samuel Phillips,
Timothy Norton,
Nathaniel Tooker,
Eliakim Davies,
William Davis,
Frederick Hutson, Esq^{r}.
James Sell, Esq^{r}.
James Lupton,
Thomas Fanning,
Zebulon Woodhull,
William kinner.

Those that refused in the 2d company to sign the association.

Benajah Edwards,
Richard Miller,
Solomon Reeve & his Son,
Solomon Davis,
Henry Robins, Juner,
Timothy Miller,
Nathaniel Miller.

[Associations, 30: 116.]

Persuaded that the Salvation of the Rights and Liberties of America Depends under God on the firm union of its inhabitants in the vigorous Prosecution of the measures necessary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing the annarchy and Confution which attend a Dissolution of the powers of Government.

We, the Freeholders and inhabitants within the Bounds of the 4th Militia Company of Brookhaven, being greatly alarmed at the avowed Design of the ministry, to raise a Revenue in America, and shocked by the Bloody Scene now acting in the

Massachusetts Bay, DO in the most solomn manner resolve never to become slaves; And do associate under all the ties of Religion, Honour, and Love to our country to adopt and endeavour to carry into Execution Whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress, or resolved upon by our Provintial Convention, for the purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the Execution of the several arbitrary, and oppressive acts of the Brittish Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great Britain and america, on constitutional Principles (which we most ardently desire) can be obtained, and that we will in all things follow the advice of our general committee respecting the purposes aforesaid, the preservation of peace and good order, and the safety of Individuals and private property.

In testimony whereof we have ordered the Clerk of said Company to subscribe our names in the presence of each other the 8th of June, 1775.

N. B. Those who chose more time for Consideration or do Dissent herefrom are Distinguished by a Cross thus, + affixed to their Names.

William Brewster, Capt.
Isaac Davis, Lieut.
David Mulford, Ensign,
Ebenezer Dayton, Clerk,
Nath^{l} Norton, Sergent,
John Homan, Serg^{t}.+
Isaiah Smith, Serg^{t}.+
Job Mulford, Serg^{t}.+
Elnathan Davis, Drumer,
John Leek, Corporal,
William Clarke, Corporal,
Jonathan Edwards, Corporal,
William Swezey, Corporal,
Israel Robinson,
Samuel Conkling,+
Francis Hallit,
Selah Brown,
Gillam Davis,
Reve Howell,
James Bishop,+
John Turner,
Isaac Overton, Esq^{r}.
Lieut. Daniel Roe,
Ensign Christopher Moger,
Elijah Davis, Quartermaster,
John Howel,
Gershom Terry,
Paul Hulse, Deacon,
William Sexton,
Jonathan Benjamin,
James Swezey,
Stephen Swezey,
James Fitch,
John Allbeen,
David Overton,
David Munro,
Uriah Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Daniel Davis,
Daniel Davis, Junior
Daniel Davis, third,
Benjamin Woodhull,
Zachariah Hawkings,
William Gerrard, Junr.
Stephen Randol,
Palmer Overton,
William Davis,
Robert Homan,
Jonathan Jones,
James Overton,
William Still,
Joseph Gerrard,
James Tucker,
Nehemiah Hulse,
Daniel Petty,
John Arnold,
Timothy Wood,
Bennit Dayton,
Daniel Swezey,
Isaac Swezey,
Nathan^{l} Overton,
Messenger Overton,
John Davis,
Joseph Homan,+
James Sell,
Samuel Tallmadge,
Samuel Terry
W^{m} Edwards
Enos Bishop,
Samuel Saturly,
John Brewster,
Nath^{l} Longbottom,
Jonathan Yarrington,
Benjamin Gerard,
John Hulse,+
Zophar Davis,
Ludlo Clarke,
William Yarrington,
Zopher Gerrard,+
William Bartlet,
Zephaniah Conkling,+
Gershom Brown,
James Orsborn,
Isaac Smith, Jun^{r}.
Nathan Davis,
Joel Conkling,+
Josiah Saturly,
Christopher Robinson,+
William Brewster,
Christopher Swezey,
Justus Overton,
Benjamin Overton,
Stephen Swezey, third,
Jeremiah Mulford,
Nathaniel Hawkings,+
James Swezey, Jun^{r}.
Joseph Soward, Jun^{r}.
Paul Terry,
Isaac Hulse,
Joseph Terry,
Timothy Lane,
John Moger,
David Overton, Jun^{r}.
Samuel Turner,
Mordecai Homan,
Ebenezer Davis,
*Joseph Ruland,
*Joseph Ruland, Jun^{r}.
*Henry Turner,
*Enos Swezey,+
*James Smith, Quaker,
*David Smith,
*Goldsmith Davis,
*John Overton,
*James Woodruff,
*W^{m} Turner,
*Arthur Moger,
*Benjamin Norton,
*Isaac Robinson.

N. B. Such of the above Signers as was at first marked as Dissenters, and are since Erased and Crossed as such have ordered their names to be used as signers, and are placed at the end of the above list of names as signers, [marked *]

after erasing their names as opposers. The whole being done with care and strict obedience to the command of each Person above named as their Clerk and as Clerk of the Millitary Company aforesaid. By me,

EBENEZER DAYTON.

Names of Persons who signed the Association in Suffolk County, May, 1775.

[Associations, &c., 30 : 3, 20, 23.]

Jeremiah Tuthill,
Jonathan Tuthill,
Thomas Terry, third,
Stephen Vail, Junr.
John Terry, Jun.
William King,
Richard Youngs,
Frederick Taber,
Joel King,
Jeremiah Tuthill, Jr.
Jeremiah King,
David Wheeler,
David Wiggins, Jun.
Joshua Youngs,
Thomas Wiggins,
George Brown,
Daniel Youngs,
Hinckey Youngs,
Daniel Vaile,
Joseph Young, Jr.
Ezekiel Gloven, Jr.
Hezekel Glover, Jr.
Orange Webb,
William Webb,
Thomas Vail,
John Mills,
John Youngs,
James Griffing,
John Moore,
Peter Griffing,
David Terry,
Syl. Lester,
Jonathan Terry,
Asa Hyatt,
Samuel Beebee,
Grover Glover,
John King, Jr.
Lester Beebee,
Amon Taber, Jr.
Robert Hanley,
Daniel Brown,
Jeremiah Vail, Juner,
Jonathan King,
Samuel Youngs,
Jonathan King, Juner,
Willaim budd,

Joseph Pattey,
Stephen Vail,
Joseph Cleveland,
Ezekial Glover,
Jonathan Youngs,
William King,
Daniel Youngs,
Daniel Tuthill,
Barnabas Tuthill,
Calvin Moore,
Christopher Brown,
Nathaniel King,
John Tuthill,
Azariah Tuthill,
Jonathan Terry,
Joseph Lee,
Benja King,
Ephraim King,
Asa King,
John King,
Benjamin Rackett,
Joseph King,
Joseph Booth,
Isaiah Brown,
Jeremiah Vail,
Peter Tuthill,
Christopher Tuthill,
Lion Gardiner,
John Tuthill, Junior,
Joseph Terrey,
Rufus Tuthill,
Noah Terry,
Thomas Henry, Jr.
Abraham Vail,
Samel Landon,
Robt Hemsted,
Zebulon Halleck,
Allsup Pane,
Abijah Wicks,
Samuel Griffing,
John Conkline,
John Hallock,
Daniel Conkling,
David Conkling, junr.
Joseph Hallock,
Thomas Prince,

James Davis,
Nathain Haines,
Joshua Terry,
Abijah Corey,
Joseph Prince,
Barnabas Stanton,
Obadiah Vaile,
Nath. Youngs,
Benjm Bayley,
John Darrow,
Dayton Smith,
Gamll Bayley,
Richard Terry,
Stephen Bayley,
Daniel Griffing,
John Pain,
Jacob Conkling,
John Tuthill, Jur.
Jonath Bayley,
Benjamin Pain,
Jonathan Conkling, Jr.
William Horton, Juner,
Abraham Corey,
Joseph Peck,
Ja: Wheloek Booth,
Ebenezer Jennings,
John Prince,
Giels Wells,
Eliakim Perry,
John Dickerson,
Daniel Booth, Junr.
William Case,
James Corwin,
Elisha Vail,
Jno Franks,
John Durke,
John Conkling,
Peter Dainse,
Thomas Hempsted,
Aron Overton,
John Overton,
Iehabod Cleveland,
Nathaniel Bousseau,
Ezra L'Hommedieu,
John Storrs.

Joseph Conkling,
Nathan Fordham,
Sam[l] L'Hommedieu,
Daniel Fordham,
James Howell,
Jonathan Havens,
Robert Sheffield,
John Hudson,
William Dauall,
Benjamin Crook,
Obadiah Gildersleeve,
Sam[l] King,
asher hand,
Ephraim Fordham,
Abraham Squier,
James Stover,
Edward Conkling,
Ananias Conkling,
Benj. Spicer,
John Pain,
William Havens,
William Button,
Eliakim Grover,
Silas Jessop,
Peter King,
Silvanus Wick,
John N. Fordham,
Silvanus Conkling,
Braddock Corey,
Uriah Miller,

Jonathan Hill,
John Gelston,
Benjamin Price,
David Tarbell,
Constant Havens,
Elisha Clark,
Grover L'hommedieu,
Daniel Albertson,
David Sayre,
Benjamin Allen,
Nathan Fordham, Ju[r].
John Hudson, Jun.
Philip Gildersleeve,
William Conn,
James Loper,
Alexander King,
Joshua Budd,
John Loper,
John Edwards, Ju[r].
Stephen Stambrough,
Zeb: Thomson,
Davis Stambrough,
Silas Edwards,
Henry Edwards,
Silas Pain,
Clark Truman,
Alexander King, Ju[r].
Benjamin Chase,
Edmond Povey, Jun[r].
Samuel Davall,
[1 name illegible.]

Ananias Conkling, Ju[r].
Abraham Dickinson,
Peter Pain,
Edmund Perry,
Jonathan Pain, J[r].
Moses Drake,
Joseph Hand,
John Gold,
Joseph Havens, Jur.
Hugh Gelston, 3[d].
Henry Post,
James Culver,
Silas Stuart,
Ichabod Cole,
Robert Berry,
Abraham Jagger,
Silas Rugg,
Benjamin Madison,
William Pain,
John Edwards,
Joseph Fraiser,
Joshua Rogers,
Timothy Begly,
William Cooper,
Nehemiah Storer,
Robert Knight,
Joseph Conkling, Ju[r].
Benjamin Chappel,
Jn[o] Foster, Jun.
Ehnathan Jennings.

HUNTINGTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, May 8th, 1775.

Jn[o] Sloss Hobart,
Platt Conkling,
Zophar Platt,
Thomas Wickes,
Stephen Ketcham,
Jesse Brush,
Israel Wood,
Stephen Keley,
Timothy Carll, J[r].
Thomas Brush, J[r].
Henry Scudder,
Timothy Ketcham,
Benj[m] Y. Prime,
John Brush, Jr.
John Wickes,
Jonah Wood,
Nathan[l] Ketcham,
Zophar Brush,
Isaac Ketcham,
Jacamiah Brush,
Stephen Whitman,
Joshua Rogers,
Daniel Ketcham

Thomas Brush,
Silas Carll,
James Rogers,
Henry Smith,
Platt Vail,
Zebulon Platt,
Tho[s] Conkling, G S.
Richard Conkling, J[r]
Gilbert Bryan,
Zophar Platt, J[r].
Solomon Ketcham,
Platt Carll,
Scudder Lewis,
W[m] Sammis,
Maltby Burtis,
Ezekiel Wickes,
Daniel Wiggins,
Selah Conkling,
Timothy Conkling,
Ezra Conkling,
Timothy Conkling, Jr.
Tredwell Brush,
Ananias Conkling,

George Norton,
Ezekiel Conkling,
Jesse Brush, J[r].
Timothy Smith,
Jonat[n] Jarvis,
David Carll,
Jonathan Scudder,
Joseph Buffet, J[r].
Ebenezer Gould,
Ichabod Smith,
Eliphelet Chichester,
Samuel Brush,
David Sammis,
Jeremiah Wood, J[r].
Jonathan Titus, J[r].
Jonas Sammis,
Silas Bartow,
Jacob Conkling,
Platt Brush,
Zebulon Ketcham,
John Rogers,
Zachariah Rogers,
Israel Conkling,

Benj^{m} Brush,
Joseph Sammis,
John Titus,
Robert Brush,
Isaac Ketcham, S^{r}.
Samuel Ketcham,
Josiah Wickes, J^{r}.
John Haviland,
Robert Kelly,
Zebulon Titus,
William Lisaight,
Alex^{r} Fleet,
Epenetus Wood,
Whitehead Gildersleeve,
Michael Remp,
Epenetus Smith,
Nehemiah Hartt,
David Wood,
Edmund Bunce,
Isaac Burr,
James Nostrans,
Joseph Conkling,
Joseph Wickes,
Josiah Pederick,
Eliphalet Jarvis,
John Vail,
Moses Rogers,
Nath^{l} Jarvis,
Philip Jarvis,
Edmund Scudder,
Sam^{l} Oakly,
Jonas William, J^{r}.
Epenetus Bryan,
James Smith,
John Roberts,
Robert Jarvis,
Philip Smith,
Nath^{l} Brush,
Josiah Wickes,
Shubal Smith,
Benjamin Titus,
John Squier,
Gilbert Potter,
John Ketcham,
Jacob Brush,
Nath^{l} Harrison,
Tim^{y} Sammis,
Jonas Williams,
Thaddeus Smith,
Jacobus Nostran,
John Snedecar,
Elephalet Brush,
Eben^{r} Conkling,
Joseph Wood,
John Denton,
Sam^{l} Hartt,
Will^{m} Nicoll (hatter),
Nath^{l} Udle,
Cornelius Conkling,
David Conkling,
Philip Ketcham,
Philip Conkling,
Tho^{s} Conkling, Jr.
Jonas Platt,
Sylvanus Chichester,
Wil^{m} Pleas,
Hubbart Conkling,
Zophar Ketcham,
John Morgan,
Joseph Jarvis,
Israel Titus,
John Wheeler, Jr.
Jesse Whitman,
Daniel Smith,
Jacob Ketcham,
Henry Sammis,
Jesse Sammis,
Alex^{r} Rogers,
Isaac Carll Ketcham,
Joseph Rogers,
John Gould,
Jonathan Titus, Jr.
Richard Volentine,
Henry Titus,
John Wheeler S^{r}.
Jesse Wood,
Joseph Titus,
Ebenezer Platt,
Abial Titus,
Ebenezer Kellum,
Will^{m} Haviland,
Ichabod Smith, Jr.
Samuel Carman,
Stratton Bryan,
Van Acarly Robbins,
Elijah Wickes,
Jacob Beagle,
Ananias Carll,
Gilbert Fleet,
Jesse Bryan,
Finch Gildersleeve,
Josiah Soper,
Wilmot Oakly,
Sam^{l} Nostran,
Charles Duryee,
Joshua Ketcham,
John Smith,
Daniel Ireland,
Selah Wilmoth,
Jesse Wilmoth,
Will^{m} Burch,
Israel Ketcham,
Obadiah Bartow,
Sam^{l} Jackson,
Joshua Brush,
Thom^{s} Ruland,
John Buffet,
Dirck Ambeman,
Reuben Sammis,
Elkanah Conklin,
Samuel Smith,
John Vanbelt,
Selah Carll,
Lemuel Carll,
Gilbert Carll,
Jesse Carll,
Jonathan Kelcy,
John Kelcy,
Zebulon Smith,
Amos Smith,
Silas Smith,
John Hart,
Nathan Volentine,
Micah Hartt,
Thomas Rhodes,
Reuben Bartow,
Ezekiel Brush,
Job Sammis,
Nath^{l} Jarvis,
Alexander Sammis,
Zophar, Israel, } Illegible,
Timothy Titus,
Platt Kelcy,
James Magee,
John Roney,
Michael Beadle,
Nath^{l} Smith,
Sam^{el} Jarvis,
David Kelly,
David Smith,
Zebulon Buffet,
Reuben Rolph,
Aaron Higby,
Peter Hoff,
Peter Ruland, Jr.
Matthew Bunce,
Thom^{s} Fleet,
Eben^{r} Sammis,
John Johnson,
Will^{m} Johnson,
Joseph Bennit,
John Taylor,
Lemuel Douglass,
Simon Fleet, Jr.
Reuben Johnson,
John Sammis, Jr.
Jonah Conkling,
Ebenezer Wood,
Nath^{l} Ruseo,
Joseph Ireland,
Silas Wickes,
Obadiah Platt,
Israel Smith,

Timothy Scudder, S^{r}.
Thom^{s} Haight,
James Bryan,
Moses Wickes,
Richard Platt,
Hezekiah Smith,
Benjamin Blatsly,
Jonah Scudder,
Isaac Losee,
Lemuel Smith,
Henry Combs,
David Rusea, Jr.
Will^{m} Scudder,
Alex^{r} Denton,
Job Smith,
Sam^{l} Stratton,
Amos Baldwin
Anning Moberry,
Isaac Conkling,
Christopher Higlay,
George Wickes,
Jonathan Burch,
Jonathan Stratton,
Israel Conkling,
Obadiah Kellum,
Jacob Noaks, S^{r}.
Jacob Noaks, Jr.
Simon Noaks,
Austin Jarvis,
John Grenell,
John Abbet,
Joseph Abbet,
Moses Rolph,
Joseph Ketcham,
Wil^{m} Carpenter,
John Ruland,
Joseph Whitman,
Nath^{l} Wilmoth,
Tim^{y} Chichester,
Arthur Dingee,
Abel Wood,
Jacob Dow,
Benj^{m} Oakley,
Alex^{r} Conkling,
Lemuel Mosure,
Charles Berry,
Eben^{r} Chichester,
Will^{m} Foster,
David Jackson,
Joshua Ketchum,
Luke Ruland, Jr.
Stephen Stratton,
Caleb Ketcham,
Simon Fleet, S^{r}.
Losee Totten,
Stephen Gildersleeve,
Phillip Scidmore,

Simeon Totten,
Stephen White,
Jonas Rogers,
Moses Jarvis,
Sam^{l} Oakly,
Abraham Jarvis, Jr.
John Thomas,
Daniel Smith,
Benjamin Rolph,
Josiah Wheeler,
David Rusco,
John Needham,
Thomas Dennis,
Nath^{l} Williams,
Cornelius Conkling, Jr.
Silas Sammis, Sr.
Timothy Scudder, Jr.
Lemuel Bryan,
Isaac Ketcham, Cold Sr.
John Conkling,
John Wood,
George Youngs,
Augustin Bryan,
Joel Scudder,
Melancthon Bryan,
Eliakim Brush,
Alex^{r} Wood,
Daniel Blatsly,
Daniel Blatsly, Jr.
Ananias Brush,
Nathan Platt,
John Haff,
Luke Ruland, Sen^{r}.
John Carmon,
Jacob Vanbelt,
Elnathan Smith,
Jesse Conklin,
Abijah Ketcham,
Reuben Ketcham,
James Berry,
Nehemiah Hartt, Jr.
Stephen Abbett,
Phillip Ketcham,
Daniel Hartt,
Robert Kellum,
Isaac Noaks,
Israel Wood, South.
Sam^{l} Muncey,
Allison Wright,
Phillip Kellum,
Obid Kellum,
Jacob Smith,
William Davies,
Timothy Abbet,
Jacamiah Rogers,
Isaac Whitman,
Simeon Haff,

James Pearsall,
Eliphalet Stratton,
Robert Milligan,
John Pederick,
Sam^{l} Lewis,
Jesse Smith,
Thom^{s} Ireland,
Zadock Smith,
Sam^{l} Wood,
Isaac Smith, Jr.
Joel Smith,
Ambrose Wickes,
Richard Ruland,
William Johnson, Jr.
William Rogers,
Isaiah Whitman,
Daniel Pearsall,
Jacob Ireland,
Benj^{m} Conkling,
Benj^{m} Denton,
Silas Sammis, Jr.
William Sammis,
Alexander Ketcham,
Jesse Ketcham,
Thom^{s} Sands,
Joseph Smith,
John Gildersleeve,
Gilbert Wood,
Benjamin Gildersleeve,
Isaac Bunce, Sen^{r}.
William Soper
Moses Soper,
Seth Jarvis,
John Bunce,
Lemuel Bryan,
James Smith, Sr.
William Gates,
Jonathan Sammis, Jr.
Joseph Higba,
Josiah Rogers,
John Totten,
Henry Jarvis,
Sam^{l} Scidmore,
Hezekiah Smith,
Jerehmiah Smith,
Daniel Rogers,
Moses Vail,
Isaac Scidmore,
Micah Vail,
Tim^{y} Taylor,
Richard Wier,
Ezekiel Ketcham,
John Lockwood,
Jeremiah Ruland,
William Newman,
John Wickes, Jr.
Lemuel Rose.

Names of Persons in Huntington who refused to Sign the above Association :

William Allaby,	Jesse Buffet,	Henry Oakly,
Jordan Taylor,	Iehabod Jarvis,	James Abbet,
Cōl[l] William Smith,	Nath[l] Smith,	Sam[l] Townsend,
John Ireland,	John Ruland,	John Soper,
Sam[l] Bunce,	Peter Ruland,	Isaac Bunce, Jr.
Nath[l] Kelcy,	Stephen Totten,	Phillip Wickes,
Joshua Bunce,	Miles Oakly,	Zebadiah Bunce,
Isaac Saxton,	Selah Sammis,	Thomas Seidmore,
Isaac Young,	Jesse Baldwin,	Zophar Rogers,
Thomas Scudder, Jr.	Peleg Wood,	Richard Rogers,
Henry Ally,	Nath[l] Ketcham, Jr.	Peter Collier.

Quakers :

Parrott Fleet,	Jeremiah Woods, S[r].	David Ketcham,
Jesse Fleet,	Israel Ketcham,	James Oakly, Jr.

Names of Signers in Brookhaven.

[Associations, 30: 122, 130, 132.]

Brookhaven, Suffolk County, June y[e] 8th, 1775.

Richard woodhull,	Joseph Davis,	Isaac Hawkins, Juner,
Nathanael Roe, Senior,	Benjamin Hawkins, Junior,	Justice Roe,
John Roe, Senior,	Richard Satterly,	John Hawkins,
Samuel Davis,	Timothy Hawkins,	Zopar Hawkins,
Joshua Longbothom,	John Bayles, Junior,	Isaac Hawkins, Senior,
Eleazer Hawkins, Senior,	George Davis,	John Bayles, Senior,
Bar[th] Redmond,	Nathan Woodhull, Junior,	Selah Strong, Junior,
Havens Hawkins,	Eliphalet Whitman,	Abel woodhull,
Samuel Dunn,	Austin Roe,	Ants Helme,
Nathan Woodhull,	William Smith,	Edmund Smith,
Jonathan Thompson,	Caleb Brewster,	Obediah Davis,
Phillips Roe,	Isaac Roe,	Nathanael Longbothom,
Thomas Smith,	John Talmage,	Nathanael Tooker, Senior,
Abraham Woodhull,	Samuel Davis, Juner,	Nathanael Tooker Junior,
Samuel Thompson,	Jotham Jayne,	Phillips Tooker,
John Roe, Junor,	Barnabas Reeve,	Caleb Davis,
Elnathan Satterly,	Jonas Davis,	Cornelius Clerk,
David Williamson,	Jonas Hawkins,	John Steward,
Daniel Smith (carpender),	Alex[r] Hawkings,	Nathanel Biggs,
Nathanael Roe, Juner,	Joseph Hawkings,	Israel Hawkins,
Isaac Davis,	Alex[r] Hawkings, iuner,	Elias Thompson,
Jedediah Williamson,	Jacob Hawkings,	Selah Smith,
Jacob Vanbrunt,	Simeon Hawkins,	Jonathan Dickerson,
David Hulse,	Samuel Hawkins,	John More.
Abijah Tooker,	David Hawkins,	

Smithtown, Suffolk County, May, 1775.

Soloman Smith,	Jonathan Mills,	Benjamin Gerrard,
Daniel Smith,	Samuel Hazard,	Caleb Smith,
Thomas Treadwell,	Job Smith,	Joseph Platt,
Epenetus Smith, Ch[m].	Joseph Blydenburgh,	Timothy Mills,
Philetus Smith,	Jeffery Smith,	Zephaniah Platt,
Jacob Mills,	Obidiah Smith,	Jonas Wheeler,
Edmund Smith, Jun[r].	Isaac Smith,	John Stratton,
William Philips, Esq[r].	Abner Smith,	Zebulon Philips,

Committee.

Elemuel Smith, Sen^{r}.
William Phillips, Jun^{r}.
Samuel Blidenburg,
Isaac Smith, Jun^{r}.
Samuel Mills,
Richard Platt,
Job Smith, Jun^{r}.
Samuel Buchanan,
Benjamin Brewster,
Nathaniel Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Paul Gillet,
Ebenezer Smith,
Jedediah Mills,
Joshua Smith,
Daniel Brush,
Thomas Wheeler,
David Smith,
George Wheeler,
Joseph Smith, Jur.
Jonas Mills,
Timothy Wheeler, Jun^{r}.
Stephen Nicoll,
William Gerrard,
Micah Smith,
Israel Mills,
Daniel Wheeler,

Jacob Longbottom,
Selah Hubbs,
Samuel Tillotson, Jun^{r}.
Micah Wheeler,
Elias Gerrard,
Jacob Wheeler,
William Nicoll,
Jacob Concklin,
James L'Homedieu,
Ebenezer Phillips,
Isaac Mills,
Samuel Soaper,
Daniel Tillotson,
William Mills,
John L'Homedieu,
Nathaniel Taylor,
Lemuel Smith, Jun^{r}.
Jesse Arthur,
Stephen Rogers,
Floyd Smith,
Israel Mills,
Jacobus Hubbs,
James Paine,
Zophar Wheeler,
Platt Arthur,
Benjamin Nicoll,
Gamaliel Conklin,

Aaron Smith,
Richard Smith,
Henry Roscron,
Jacob Smith,
Obadiah Smith,
Jesse Smith,
Samuel Philips,
Benjamin Blydenburgh,
Benjamin Nicols, Jun^{r}.
Platt Wheeler,
John Gerrard,
Nicholas Tillitson,
Jacob Longbottom,
Nathanael Gerrard,
John L'hommedieu,
Zophar Mills,
Nathan Wheeler,
Nathaniel Platt,
Floyd Smith,
Timothy Wheeler, Sen^{r}.
Thomas Wheeler,
Jonas Mills,
Jeremiah Wheeler,
Epenetus Wood,
Jonathan Sammis, Sen^{r}.
Nathanael Sammis.

Recusants:

Isaac Newton,
Caleb Newton,
John Newton,
James Smith,
William Smith,

Jonathan L'Homedieu,
William Thompson,
Alexander Munsel,
Peter Smith,
John Edwards,

Stephen Smith,
Gershom Smith,
Joseph Gould, Jun^{r}.
Silas Biggs,
Zophar Seidmore.

Names of Signers in Islip.

[Associations, 30: 62, 64.]

Suffolk County, ss.

At a Town meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Precint of Islip in the said county, on the 13th day of May, anno Dom. 1775, it was agreed upon by the Subscribers to assent to and acquiess in the measures prescribed by the foregoing association. But from the Small Number of us, think it Inexpedient to send a Deputy, but Chuse rather to abide by the determination of the other Deputies of the County; [and, as Some of us are of the People called Quakers, we mean to act no farther than is consistant with our Religious Principals.]

Not one of the Quakers Signed the Association.

Tho^{s} udall,
John Lewis,
John Rogers,
Jesse Rogers,
John Lewis, Jun.
Joseph Udall,
Jonathan Birch,
William Nicolls, Jun^{r}.
William Smith, Juner,

John Hudson,
William Smalling,
W. Nicoll,
Isaac Thompson,
Benajah Strong,
Israel Howell,
John Mowbray,
micah wheeler,
James Morris, Jun^{r}.

Jeremiah Terry,
James Morris, pr. order, G.S.
George Smith,
John Edwards,
Caleb Saxtan,
William Terry,
Daniel Wheeler,
Jacob Baker,
Nathaniel oakly,

Jonas Wheeler,	Zebulon Sexton,	Samuel oakly,
Thomas Smith,	William Smith,	James Smith.
Mowbray Smith,	Isaac Mune,	

The names underwritten are the names of those Persons that did not chuse to Sign the aforegoing Association.

Platt Smith,	Israel Howell, Junr.	Jeremiah Homan.
Nathaniel Smith,	Caleb Wood,	

These are of the People called Quakers:

Richard Willetts,	Jacob Willets, Junr.	Jacob Willets, the third,
David Willets,	John Willets,	Obediah Green,
Jacob Willets,	Job Willets,	Adonijah Underhill.

P. S. There are a Number of Persons that live within the bounds of this Precinct, that have Signed the Association at Huntington, and at Smithtown, whose names are not on this paper.

[Associations, 30: 66.]

Easthampton, Suffolk County, May 5, 1775.

John Chatfield,	David Osborn,	David Dayton,
Abraham Gardiner,	Daniel Osborn,	David Miller,
Burnett Miller,	Elisha Mulford,	Henry Hopping,
David Mulford,	Daniel hand,	Josiah Osborn,
Thomas Wickham,	David Mulford,	Joseph Hopping,
Stephen Hedges,	Matthew Mulford,	John Strong,
John Gardiner,	John Miller,	Nathanael talmage,
Samuel Buell,	John Dayton,	Jeremiah Miller, Jun.
John Hudson,	Joseph Osborn, Jun.	Abraham Dimon,
Nathel Huntting,	Eleazer Conkling,	Isaak Dimon,
Eleazer Miller,	Henry Chatfield,	Cornelius osborn,
Jeremiah Dayton,	John Miller, Junr.	William Hedges,
Th° Dibble,	Abraham Barns,	Elisha Tallmage,
Noah Barnes,	Patrick Goold,	George Gladden,
Lemuel Mulford,	david talmdg,	Abraham Hand,
Jeremiah Gardiner,	Seth Barns,	Stephen Stratten,
Aaron Isaacs,	Jason Miller,	Thomas Osborn,
Daniel Conkling,	Lineus Dibbel,	Jeremiah Osborn, Junr.
Elisha Daviss,	William Mulford,	Jonathan Mulford,
John Daviss,	Jeremiah Sherril,	Isaac Mulford Huntting,
Jacob Wickham,	Gurdon Miller,	James Hand,
William Conckling,	Aaron Isaacs, Jun.	Jeremiah Talmage,
Nathan Conckling,	Elisha Jones,	Jeremiah Miller,
john Francis Chatelain,	Lewis Chatfield,	George Strong,
Thomas Hedges,	Enos Talmage,	Lewis Osborn,
John Parson ye 3d.	Enos Talmage, Junr.	Joseph Osborn,
William Huntting,	Thomas Jones,	William Hedges, Jun.
J. Mulford,	Huntting Miller,	Recompens Sherril,
Jeremiah Bennet,	Samuel Stratton,	David Edwards,
Samuel Hunt,	Abraham Sherril,	Ezekiel Mulford,
Selah Pike,	Recompense Sherril, Jun.	Cornelious pain,
Elias Conklin,	John Stratton,	David Fithian,
Abraham Mulford,	Stephined wands,	Samuel Conkling,
Jeremiah Conklin,	John Dayton,	Thomas Baker,
John How,	Daniel Hedges,	Isaac Van Scoye,
Samuel Parsons,	Jonathan Barnby,	Isaac Van Scoye, Juner,
Benjamin Stratton,	William Conkling, Jur.	Nathll Hand,

Matthew Barnes,
Phyletous Osborn,
Merrey Parsons,
William Parsons,
Henry Dominy,
John Parsons, 5th.
Jonathan Osborn,
Joseph Osborn,
Jeremiah Conkling,
Samuel Conkling,
John Mulford,
Jonathan Tutho,
Jesse Dayton,
Jacob Dayton,
Jeremiah Parse,
mulford Conkling,
Matthew Stratton,
Joseph Muller,
Abra: Edwards,
Samuel Parsons,
Samuel Sheril, Jun.
Elezer Hedges,
Abra: Mulford, Jr.
David Soper,
Nathaniel Domony,
Isaac Pain,
Benj. Parsons,
Jacob Conkling,
Jacob Conkling, Jr.
Christ Dibble,
Samuel Gardiner,
David Leek,
Abra: Leek,
Samuel Dayton,
Uriah Miller,
Nathan Miller,
Abra: Schellinger,
Jeremiah Conkling,
Nathl Baker,
Jerem: Conkling,
Zebulon Conkling,
Isaac Conkling,
Jonathan Edwards,
Abra: Loper,
Philip Hedges,
George Miller,
Thomr Edwards, Ju.
Elias Mulford,
Edward Conkling,
Jedediah Conkling,
Joseph Hicks,
Zeek: Hicks,
Jeremiah Dayton,
Daniel Baker,
Isaac Schellinger,
Abraham Baker,
Nathan mulford,
Jacob Hedges,
Jeremiah Barnes,
John Gardiner, Jun.
Aaron Fithian,
David Talmage, Junr.
Jeremiah Scherrill, Junr.
Nathan Conkling, ye third,
Elnthan Parsons,
Cornelius Besset,
David Miller,
Peleg Miller,
Elisha Miller,
Daniel king,
Daniel Edwards, Jr.
Nathan Miller, Jr.
Stephen Burnet,
James Field,
Samuel Mulford,
Benjamin Conkling,
Gemelielle Bermot,
Seth Parsons,
Richard King,
Mulford Conkling, Jr.
Nathan Conkling, Jr.
William Bassett,
Ezekiel Miller,
John Huntting,
Abraham Quan,
David Loper,
John King,
Ichabod Rayner,
Smith Osborn,
Abrm Miller,
Jonathan Miller,
Samuel Mulford,
Ezekiel Jones,
Ezekiel Jones, Jr.
Nathan Conkling, junr.
Daniel Loper,
Jeremiah Jones,
David Edwards, Junr.
Edward Bennet,
Ludlam Parsons,
John Parsons,
Josiah Mulford,
Elisha Mulford, Sr.
Stephen Russel,
Jeremiah Hedges,
Thomas talmage,
Jeremiah Osborn,
John hedges,
Saml Hutchinson,
Jacob Miller,
Henry Miller,
Ezekiel Hand,
Abraham Conkling,
Elisha Conkling,
Elisha Osborn,
Matthew Osborn,
Jedediah Osborn,
Jacob Osborn,
Benjamin Hopping,
Jonathan Squier,
Jeremiah Hand,
John Talmage,
Abraham Osborn,
Henry Hopping,
Elias Hand,
Henry dayton,
Zebedee Osborn,
John Parsons,
John Stratton,
Jacob Sherrel,
Samll Baker,
Micah Hart,
Benjamin Leeke,
Abraham Hedges,
Jacob Osborn,
Jonathan Schellenger,
Thomas Edwards,
David Baker,
Sineus Conkling,
James Loper,
Stephen Cooper, Jr.
Benjamin Cyres,
Benjamin Hedges,
John Parsons, ye 4,
Nathaniel Dommoney,
Edward Wick,
Jeremiah Terrey,
William Barnes,
Ananias Miller,
Thomas Filer,
John Hoose.

These may certify that every Male in the town of Easthampton have signed the above Association that are capable of bearing arms.

Signed by order of the Committee.

pr. JOHN CHATFIELD, *Chairman.*

[Associations, &c., 30 : 150.]

BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, May, 1775.

Wm Smith,
Nathll Woodhull,
Josiah Smith,
Benj. Havens,
Matthew Smith,
Selah Havens,
Israel Robinson,
Nathaniel Woodruff,
Henry Hulse,
Ezekiel Homan,
Jesse Rose,
Ezekiel Hedges, Jur.
John Leek,
William Clark, Jun.
William Still,
John Smith,
David Howell,
Jonathan Thomson,
Robert Hanson,
David Mulford, Jun.
Seth Marvin,
Richard Hulse,
Jonathan King,
John Havens, Jr.
Doxse Lane,
Nathanil Brown,
John Havens, third,
Paul Hulse,
Elijah Davis,
James Swezy,
David Rose,
Mordecai homan,
Ebenezer homan,
Nathl Brewster,
John Marvin,
Nathan Rose,
Selah Brown,
William Brewster,
Daniel Davis,
Benjamin Woodhull,
Stephen Randal,
John Alliben,
Jonathan Benjamin,
Jonathan Jones,
John Turner,
Brewster Terry,
Gillum Davis,
Ebenezer Dayton,
Isaac Davies,
goldsmith Davis,
William Swezey,
Isaac Sweezey,
Gershom Terry,
Daniel Petty,
Reeves Howell,
Gershom Brown,

William Davis,
Stephen Swesy, 3d.
James Tucker,
William Edwards,
Joseph Terry,
Joseph Soword, Jr.
Isaac Hulse,
William Brewster, Jr.
Phillip Leek,
William Clark,
John Brewster,
Abel Swezy,
Joseph Soword,
James Sills, 2d.
James Swesy, Junr.
Paul Terry,
Job Mulford,
Thomas Rose,
Jonath Baker, Junr.
Ananias Smith,
Jonah Tooker,
Samuel dayton,
Hugh Smith,
Benja. Marvin,
Nathaniel Smith,
Alexander wicks,
John Marvin, Jun.
Nathanel Haven,
John King,
william thompson,
William Baker,
John Tomson,
Benjamin Thomson,
John Smith,
William Bower,
Joseph Rayner,
Jehiah Weed,
Matthew Woodruff,
Jedediah Marvin,
Joseph Scribner, Junr.
Ephraim Smith,
Thomas Avery,
Thaddeus Cole,
Gershom Hawkins,
Reynold Finch,
Amos Adams,
Joseph Terry,
Micajah Jane,
Isaiah Moger,
Benajah Hubbard,
Jeffery Brewster,
Nathaniel Finch,
Isaac Woodruff,
Mordecai Homan, 3d.
Joseph Homan,
Matthew Marvin,

Daniel Jones,
thaddeus Gilbert,
Elmer Gilbert,
francis Burt,
Eliakim Jones,
Mordecai Homan,
Roger Avery,
Ebenezer Homan, Junr.
Samuel Robinson,
Nathan Rose, Junr.
Joseph Sweazey,
Stephen Satterly,
Zechariah Hawkins,
Daniel Rose,
David Hallock,
David Fanning,
Humphrey Avery,
Henry Sumerix,
Jacob Baker,
Jacob Andres,
Daniel Nash,
Joseph Jones,
Humphery Avery, Jun.
Nathan Avery,
Zephaniah Wickes,
Seth Marvin,
Garrot Degrote,
Daniel Brown,
Moses Marvin,
Elihu Marvin,
Jessey Rayner,
John Snyder,
John Dayton,
Jehoel Wead, Junr.
Nathaniel Havens,
Robert Hawkings,
Benjamin Raynor,
Simeon Raymond,
Ebenezer Skribner,
Shadrach Jeanes,
Isaac Jones,
Joseph Lane,
Timothy Reynolds,
Eleazer Bellows,
James Sherrod,
Seth Skribner,
John Smith,
Stephen Fountain,
Ephraim Marvin,
James Bates,
Jonah Hulse,
Ebenezer Raynor,
Anandrew Patchen,
Isaac Overton,
Daniell Downs,
Christopher Moger.

[Associations, &c., 30: 154, 158, 162, 197.]

COUNTY HALL, SUFFOLK COUNTY, May, 1775.

John kenney,
Jeremiah Ludlam,
David Hains,
Willman Halsey,
Jonah Tarbell,
Sylvanus Cook,
John Hallsey,
Silas Woodruff,
Anthony Ludlam,
Daniel Woodruff,
Benjamin Woodruff,
Moses Rose,
Samuel hains,
Daniel Sandford, Jun.
Ezekiel Rose,
Elnathan Pain,
Daniel Brown,
Isaac Howell,
Stephen Rose,
William Rogers,
Capt William Rogers, Jun.
David Lupton,
Daniel Mulford,
Jesse Halsey, Lieut.
Job Peirson,
Abraham Peirson,
Josiah Peirson,+
Jonathan Hedges,
David Peirson,
David Hand,
Jedediah Peirson,
Theophilus Peirson,
David Sayre,
Charles topping,
Lemuel Peirson,
Nathan Peirson,
Zebulun Peirson,
Matthew Peirson,
Caleb Russell,
Lemuel Peirson, Jun.
Jonathan Whelden,
David Hedges,
Josiah Cooper,
Daniel Hedges,
Daniel Peirson,
Luis Stanbrough,
Henry Peirson,
Stephen Topping, Junr.
Abraham Howell,
Matthew Topping,
Henry topping,
Samuel Peirson,
Ammy Flint,
Ezekiel Howell,
Daniel Howell,

John Rogers,
Nathaniel Rogers,
Jonathan Rogers,
James Hains,
Henry Halsey,
David Cooper, Junr.
Burnett Corwethe,
Ethan Halsey,
Elisha Halsey,
William Rogers Halsey,
David Fithian Halsey,
Silas Halsey,
Lemuel Jenings,
James Sandford,
Silas Topping,
Zephr. Topping,
William Schellenger,
Matthew Coper,
Thomas Halsey,
James Brown,
Ephraim White,
Stephen White,
Abraham Roger,
Topping Rogers,
Benoni flint,
Hezekiah Bower,
Jeremiah Bower, Jun.
Matthew Peirson, 2,
Paul Dains,
John Peirson,
Siluanus Topping, 2d
Silas White,
Phenes homon,
Lemuel Peirson, the 3d,
James Wood,
Daniel hiLdreth,
James Sayre,
Jonathan Russell,
Armstrong Bishop,
Timothy Peirson,
Jeremiah Topping,
Jabesh Howell,
Isaac Werden, Junr.
Henry Moore,
Nathan Flint,
Elisha Stanbrough,
Silvanus Peirson,
Abraham Peirson,
John Morehouse,
Stephen Howell, Jr.
David Topping, Jr.
Gideon Hand,
Job Hedges,
William Hallock,
Silvanus Topping,

Caleb Brown,
Isaac Loper,
David Woodruff,
David Woodruff, Jun.
Silas Cook,
Silas Cooper,
Silvanus Sandford,
David Cook,
David Cooper,
Ethan Topping,
Henry Sandford,
Daniel Stratten,
Jeremiah Stratten,
Annanias Cooper,
Benjamin Wolley,
David Rogers,
Abraham Baker,
Josiah Halsey,
David Cormethe,
James Hains,
Matthew Jagger,
Joseph Rogers,
Ebenezear Edwards,
Stephen Halsey, Junr.
Isaac Peirson,
Jonathan Hedges, the 2d,
Jeremiah Peirson,
Silas Cook,
Stephen Peirson,
John Dains,
Benjamin Sayre, 2d,
Thomas Stanbrough,
Edward Howell,
Stephen Topping,
Stephen Hedges,
Elias Hedges,
Job Pierson, Junr.
Peter hildreth, the 2nd,
Daniel Topping, the 2nd,
Zechariah Peirson,
Price Howell,
Joseph Talmage,
Samull White,
Henry White,
Joseph Topping,
Seth Topping,
David Topping,
Elnathan White,
Ezra Stanbrough,
David Peirson, Junr
John Norris, 2nd
Benjamin Sayres,
Josiah his x mark Stanbrough,
Robert Moore,

Daniel Topping, John Norris, Nath Gardiner.
Elnathan wood, Peter Hildrith,

[Associations, &c., 30: 271.]

This may Certify all those whom it may concern that y^{e} Inhabitants of Southampton from Sixteen years old and Upward have Sign^{d} y^{e} Gen^{l} Association Except Thomas Sandford, Esq^{r}, Hugh Rainer, Thomas Norris, John Cook and Elisha paine.

DANIEL HOWELL, *Chairman of ye Committee.*

Southampton, July 19th, 1775.

Southampton, August 1st, 1775.

John Sandford, Samuel Howell, the 3^{d}. John Woodruf,
Daniel Schellinger, Abraham Sandford, Henry Brown,
Ezekiel Sandford, Isaac Hildreth, Stephen Skellinger,
Malthy Gelston, Noah Hildreth, Robert Moore,
Jonah Tarbell, Timothy Mathews, Elias Cook, Junior,
James Hildreth, Moses Howell, Josiah Sandford,
Jeremiah Halsey, Burnet Cook, Daniel Schellenger,
Stephen Halsey, David Sandford, Abraham Cook,
Paul Halsey, Phineas Howell, Silvanus Halsey,
John Hulbert, Matthew Halsey, Isaac Jessup,
John Hildreth, James Terry, David Gelston,
Edward Topping, Zachariah Sandford, Elias Cook,
Silas Norris, Stephen Cook, Thomas Cooper,
Daniel Schellinger, iuner, thomas Topping, Lemuel Howell,
Ezekiel Sandford, y^{e} Third, James Hildreth, Jun. Abraham Hassey,
Philip Howell, Joseph Moore, Joshua Hildreth,
David Sandford, Jun^{r}. Henry Howell, Walter Howell,
Daniel Hains, Mitchell Cook, Timothy Halsey,
David Howell, Lewis Sandford, John Hill,
James Cook, Josiah raynor, Thomas Gelston,
Nathan Norris, Jun^{r}. Stephen Halsey, Stephen Sandford,
William Sandford, Luther Hildreth, Matthew halsey,
Seth Howell, William Gelston, Nathaniel Jessup,
Benjamin Sandford, John Cook, Jun^{r}. George Fordham,
Samuel Brown, Jonah Sandford, Nathan Norris,
Elias Sandford, Nathan Sandford, Abraham Cook,
Josua howell, Thomas Howell, Daniel Moore,
Jonathan Cook, Abraham Schellinger, Theophilus Halsey,
Jeremiah Howell, Silas Sandford, Thomas Sandford.
Stephen Jessup, Daniel Halsey,

These may Certify that all the Males of the Town of Southampton from sixteen years old and Upwards have signed the above Association, Excepting Mr. Elisha Paine and John Cook.

Signed by DANIEL HOWELL, *Chairman of Committee of Correspondenee.*

[Associations, 30: 166, 175.]

County Hall, Suffolk County, May, 1775.

John Foster, David Rose, Adonijah Raynor,
Obadiah Johnes, Isaac Post, James post,
Elias Pelletreau, Thom^{s} Cooper, Jun^{r}. Stephen Bishop,
Uriah Rogers, Silas Howell, Benjamin Cooper,
Abraham Rose, Jackson Scott, Jun^{r}. Abraham Cooper,
Silas Hallsey, Ezekiel Howell, Elias Cooper,
Gersham Culver, 86 y'rs old, Henry Hudson, Elias Matthew,
Thomas Johnes, Ephraim L'Homedieu, Jun^{r}. Joshua Hallsey,
Jonathan Hallsey, Stephen Foster, Moses Hallsey, Jun.

Lemuel Hallsey,
Joseph Hildreth,
Matthew Howell,
Nath[a] Foster, Jun[r].
Stephen Howell,
W[m] Hill,
W[m] Jones, Jun[r].
Isaiah Hallsey,
Ryall Howell,
Edward Stephens,
Wakeman Foster,
Ab[m] Fordham, Jun[r].
Capt. John Howell,
Joel Sandford,
Silas Wolley,
Caleb Cooper,
Nehemiah Sayer,
Ephraim Howell,
Capt. David Howell,
Jos. Goldsmith,
Zeb. Jessup,
Charles Wolley,
Stephen Howell,
Ab[m] Howell,
Samuel Landon,
Rob[t] Hempsted,
Zebulon Hallock,
Allsup Pane,
Fregift Wells,
Samuel Gifling,
John Conkling,
John Hallock,
Daniel Conkling,
James Davis,
Nathan Haines,
Joshua Terry.
Abijah Corey,
Joseph Prince,
Barna[s] Horton,
Obadiah Vail,
Nath[l] Young,
Benj[a] Bayley,
John Darrow,
Dayton Smith,
Gamaliel Bayley,
Richard Terry,
Stephen Bayley,
Daniel Grifling,
John Pain,
Jacob Conkling,
John Tuthill, Jun[r].
Jona[n] Bayley,
Benj[n] Pain,
Jonathan Conkling, Jun[r].
William Horton, Jun[r].
Abra[m] Corry,
Joseph Conkling,
John Goldsmith,

Paul Hallsey,
Isaac Post, Jun[r].
Jonah Howell, Jun[r].
Shadrach Hildreth,
Elias Howell,
Ephraim Foster,
John Harris,
W[m] White, Jun[r].
Zeb. Hallsey, Jun[r].
Geo. Mackie,
John Sayre,
John Pelletreau,
Charles Howell,
Zebulon Cooper,
Stephen Hallsey,
Jonah Howell,
Paul Jones,
Sam[ll] Howell,
Sam[ll] Cooper,
Sam[ll] Bishop, Jun[r].
Sam[ll] Peirson,
W[m] Ludlum,
Josiah Jagger,
Timothy Pierson,
Joseph Peck,
James Whe[k] Booth,
Eben[r] Jennings,
John Prince,
Giels Well,
Elia[m] Perry,
John Dickerson,
Daniel Booth, Jun[r].
William Case,
James Corwin,
Elisha Vail,
Jn[o] Franks,
John Drake,
John Conkling, Jun[r].
Peter Danes,
Tho[s] Hempsted,
Aaron Overton,
John Overton, Jun[r].
Ichabod Clevland,
Nath[l] Bousseau,
Joseph Clevland,
William Budd,
Joseph Hallock,
David Conkling, Jun[r].
Tho[s] Prince,
John Storrs,
Ezra L'Hommedieu,
Constant L'Homedieu,
Augustus Peck,
Jared Landon,
Dr. Micah Moore,
Sylvester L'Homedieu,
benjamin horton,
John overton,

Abraham Rogers,
Jonathan Tuttle, Jr.
William Landon,
Joseph Horton, signed since.
Simon Mooer,
Daniel Tuthill,
Philip Chace,
Barnabas Horton, Jun.
Sam[ll] Landon, J[r].
John Bousseau,
Ashbel Herrick,
Zophar Cooper,
Jeremiah Post,
David Row, Jun[r].
Ichabod Sayre, Jun[r].
David Rayner, Jun[r].
John Bishop, Jun[r].
Daniel Hildreth, Jun[r].
Joseph Hildreth, Jun[r].
Joseph Goodale,
Elias Jennings,
Henry Smith,
John Howell, Jun[r].
Jedidiah Foster,
James Jennings,
Capt. John Fowler,
Sam[ll] Jones,
Sam[ll] Jennings,
Hezekiah Jaggar,
Benjamin Huntting,
Jehiel Howell,
Silvanus White,
Thomas Stephens.
John Vaill,
David Conkling,
Nathaniel Overton,
Nathaniel Overton, Jun[r].
James Overton,
Daniel Booth,
William Horton,
Abijah Windes,
Joshua Reves,
Joshua Overton,
Selah Dickerson,
Elten Overton,
Isaac Overton,
Jonathan Wells,
James Horton,
Hezekiah Jennings,
Joshua Salmon,
Daniel Terry,
Dibbull Case,
Edward peney,
Benjamin Davis,
John goldsmith, Junior,
Joshua Salmon, Jun[r].
Samuel Corwin, Jun.
moses overton,

Moses Case,
Joshua billed,
Samuel Corwin,
Stephen Corwin,
Nathaniel Corwin,
Thomas Hutchinson,
nathaniel goldsmith,
Isaac Case, ye 3d.
Nathaniel Overton,
William Rogers,+
Jonathan Rogers,
Wm Rogers, Junr.
Elezer Way.

List of the men in Capt. Josiah Lupton's *Company:*

[Associations, &c., 30: 178, 179.]

Suffolk Co.

Nathan Benjamin, Lieut.
Benjamin hutchinson, Ensign,
Cerjeant James Lupton,non,
Cerjeant Gershom Edwards, Signed,
Cerjeant Absalom Brown, Jun. non,
Corporal Abijah Owen,+
Corporal William petty,
Corporal Isaiah Tarry,+
Corporal Samuel Howell,
John Petty, Jun.+
Richard Wood,†
william woodhull,
John Tarry, at ye wading River,
Peter Reeve,†
Absalom Brown,+
Zadock Reeve,†
Asa Brown,+
David Glover,†
Samuel Glover,†
James Glover,†
Benjamin Pain,+ Signed,
John Tuthill,+ Signed,
John Tuthill, Jun.+ Signed,
Benjamin Emmons, ye third+
John Pain,+
James Lupton, Jun.+
Christopher Talleball,+
Benjamin Emmons, Jun.+
Benjamin Dickenson,†
Israel hallock,
Zebulon hallock,
Daniel Edwards,
Obadiah Wells,
Silas howell,
Israel howell, Junr.
Gershom Aldredge,
methias Corwin,
Benjamin Tuthill,
John Tarry, at ye Bateing Hollow,
matthew hedges,
David Tarry, Jun.
Selah Wells,
Ambrous horton,
John Corwin,+
Daniel Robinson,†
Jonathan Robinson,+
Spencer Dayton,†
James petty, Jun.+
Tuthill Dayton,†
henry wiet,+
Caleb hulse,†
Jeremiah havens,†
James mapes,+ Signed,
John Edwards,†
Enos Auldridge,
James owen, not signed,
Timothy Hudson,
Frederick Hudson,
Josiah Woodhull, *Clark.*

In Capt. Hallock's Company:

John Gardner,
Joseph Gardner,
Joseph Mapes,
Joseph mapes, Jr.
Joseph mapes, ye 3d,
Peter Hallock, Junr.
James Reeve,
James Reeve, Junr.
Thomas Reeve,
John Wickham,
John Benjamin,
Jonathan Osborn,
Daniel Aldridge,
Recompence Howell,
Thomas Reeve, Jr.
Wilmot Goldsmith,
Samuel Brown,
Jonathan Corwin,
Peter Hallock, not at home.
Isaac Reeve, not at home.
ye Capt. & Lieut. if at home would be full in signing.

In Capt. Barnabus Wines:
Barnabus Wines, Jr.
Thomas Wines.

In Capt. Goldsmith's:
Benj. Wells,
Silas Moore,
David Gardner.

In Capt. Horton's Company:
Simon Moore,
Joseph Horton.

Capt. King's Company none; Capt. Reeve's, none; Capt. Wells, none.

Not agreeing to ye association:

John Gardner,+
John Corwin,
Barnabas Wines,
Thomas Wines,+
Barnabas Wines, Jun.+
David Corwin,
George Talone,+
Henry Pike,
Joseph Gardner,
Joseph Mapes, Jr.+
Richard Howel,+
Edmund Howell,+
micah Howell,+
micah Howell, Jun.
James Reeves ye 4th,
Ebenezer Webb,
John Case,
Christopher Youngs, Jun.+
Ezekiel Petty, Jr. verry bad man.++
James Tuthill,
Benjamin L'homedieu,
Isaiah Tuthill,
James Petty,+
Parker Wickham,+++++++
Silas More,+
Thomas overton,+++

Jonathan Pike,
John Clarke,
Joseph Mapes,
William Benjamin,
James Youngs, Jr.
Benjamin Wells,
David Gardner,+
Jonathan Terry.++++++

[Associations, &c., 30: 192, 194.]

Southold, June the 23d Day, 1775.

We, whose Names are underwritten, agree to Heave them removed to the association.

John Corwin,
Henry pike,
Thomas Wines,
George Taylor,
Jonathan Pike,
Joseph Mapes,
Joseph Mapes, iunr.
Edmund Howell,
micah Howell, Juner,
John Clark,
Barnabas Wines,
Ebenezer Webb,
James Reeve,
John Case,
Mica howell,
Barnabas Wines, juner,
David Corwin, juner,
John Gardiner,
Joseph Gardiner,
John Davenport.

Those marked †, not appeared; those marked +, Refused Signing; those no marke, Signed, and those markd, Signed.

Since our training I hear that Capt. Hudson has Signed and most of Captain Lupton's Company will.

Capt. Lupton has been down and Signed.

I likewise hear that the toryes at matatuck had a meeting and signd or did something. But I fear they are all Like Majr Wickham only to deceive. I should have wrote you a letter, but am in great hast and have no paper nor have time to go after any.

PHS. FANNING.

The number of the List is fifty-three and the number that is wanting is eleven. To Ezra L'homedieu, Esqr., July, ye 1st, 1775, at 5 o'clk, morning.

Shelter Island, Suffolk County, May, 1775.

Thomas Dering,
Wm Adams,
James Havens,
Sylvester Dering,
Samuel Booth, Jun.
Jonathan N. Havens,
William Brown,
Peter havens,
Elisha Paine,
Obadiah Havens,
William Bowditch,
Joseph Havens, Junr.
Benjamin Sawyer,
Richard Sawyer,
Johnson leach,
John Havens,
William Havens,
Daniel Brown,
Joel Bowditch,
Moses Horton,
Waller Havens,
Benjamin Davall,
Nathan Hand,
John Davall,
Thomas Conkling, Jr.
Shadrach Conkling,
Moses Sawyer,
Samuel Case,
Joseph Case,
Abraham Parker,
Moses MableSawyer,
Oliver Norris,
William Havens, Juner,
John Havens, Juner,
Joseph Havens,
Joshua Horton,
Thomas Harley,
Jonathan Howell,
Isaac Barnes,
Ebenezer Havens,
Nathaniel Tuthill,
Phinehas Parker,
Samuel Case, Junr.

Brookhaven, the 17th of August, 1775.

Coll. Nathanael Woodhull, Sir:—These few lines are to inform you, that at a meeting of a considerable number of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookhaven, on the 14th Day of this instant, after a mature consideration, of the bad consequences of their Remaining in opposition to the measures pursued by the Continental Congress, they did unanimously agree to Sign the General Association and accordingly they Did Sign the Same, whose names we have here sent you annexed to the Association, and also a list of the names of those who Refuse to sign the Association this time whose names were not Returned in the Lists of associates and non-associates before.

RICHARD WOODHULL, } *Committeemen.*
SAMUEL THOMPSON, }

[Associations, &c., 30: 185, 187, 189, 208.]

BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, June, July and August, 1775.

Joseph Brewster,
Nathaniel Davis,
Zachariah Hawkins,
Gilbert Hulse,
John Bayliss, Blacksmith,
Robert Jayne,
Benj[m] Brewster,
Benj[m] Brewster, Junor,
John Satterly,
John Bennet,
Charles Tooker,
Richard Dewick,
Samuel Jayne,
Ebenezer Jones,
Steven Jones,
Benjamen Jones,
Vincent Jones,
Richard Terril,
Edward More,
Philip Akerly,
Benjamin Newton,
Jonathan Smith,
Timothy Smith,
Benjamin Smith,
Robart Akerly,
Zephinias Smith,
Calop nuton,
William Smith,
Jeremiah Wells,
Daniel Howell,
Joshua Wells,
Joshua Wells, Jr.
David Wells, Jr.
David Horton,
Nathaniel Hudson,
Thomas Youngs, Jr.
Manly Wells,
Nathaniel Griffing,
Peter Downs,
John Griffing, Jr.
Joseph Howell,
Jeremiah Corwin,
Caleb Hallock,
Joshua Corwin,
Isaac Wells,
Ely Corwin,
Israel Moore,
John L'hommedieu,
Methias Corwin,
James Reeve,
Ebenezar Marthers, Jr.
Moses Simons,
Daniel Corwin,
Hezekiah Reeve,
Ebenezer Marthers,
James Smith,
Stephan Akerly,
Elazer Hawkins, Junei
Benjamin Floyd,
Isaac Biggs,
William Biggs,
Nathan Davis,
Elijah Akerly,
Joseph Wells,
John Lyon,
Amos Smith,
Gilbert Smith, Esq.
William Jayne,
William Tooker,
Benjamin Tiller,
Timothy Tooker,
Elijah Smith,
Nathanael Bayles,
Nathanael Smith,
Philip Smith,
William Biggs,
Jonathan L'humedy,
John Newton,
John Akerly,
Isac Nuton,
John Bigs,
Silas Bigs,
Daniel Smith, Junr.
Samuel Benjamin,
Nathaniel Wells,
Jonathan Reeve,
Joseph Wells,
Ammaziah Benjamin,
Benjamin Benjamin,
Adonijah Osman, Jr.
Henry L'hommedieu,
William Downs,
Richard Benjamin,
Richard Benjamin, Jr.
James Benjamin,
Elfelet Warner,
Silas Howell,
Joshua Howell,
Robert Hinchman,
Richard Swese, iuner,
John Griffing,
Jacob Corwin,
henery Corwin,
David Wells,
Jedediah Cleves,
Phineas Fanning,
Thomas Conkling,
Paul Reeve,
John Cleves Tarry,
Daniel Youngs,
Silas Smith,
Israel Sexton,
Benjamin Smith,
Isaac Smith,
Isaac Smith, Junor.
Elijah Bayles,
Israel Smith,
Thomas Briggard,
Stephen Davis,
Daniel Satterly,
Arthur Akerly,
Samu. Longbothom,
Israel Bennet,
Luddewick Hackstaff,
Ludewick Haestaff, Junior,
Arthur Smith,
Jesse Hulse,
Antoni Bastion,
William Longbotham,
Henry Davis,
Gilbert Smith, Junior,
William Buchanan,
Benajah Smith,
Nathanael Akerly,
Benj[m] W. Muirson, not signing the Association before was because it was not offered to him.
John Conkling,
Jonathan Horton,
Nathaniel Conkling,
Silvanus Brown,
John Pultow,
Reuben Brown,
William Halliock,
Nath[l] Fanning,
James Griffing,
Abraham King,
Henry Hudson,
Benjamin Conkling,
Rufus Youngs,
Stephen Griffing,
Joshua Cleves, Jr.
Watham Youngs,
Henry Moore, Jr.
James Youngs,
Jonathan Dixon,
Matthew Pease,
William Brown,
Richard Brown,
Jediah Conners,
John Moore,
Peter Vail, Jr.
Joseph Griffing,
Joshua Hobart,

Daniel Tuthill,
Nathan Tuthill,
James Moore,
Joseph berry,
Richard Corwin,
Joseph Conkling,
Ezekiel Patty [taken out as a hipocrite],
Benaiah Moore Cleves,
Henry Terry,
Jonathan Vaill,
Nathan Corwin,
David Cleves,
James Patty,
Daniel Shaw,
Silas Corwin,
Silas Corwin, Jr.
Stephen Aldrich,
John Williamson,
Joshua Cleves,
Jessher Corey,
Benjamin Goldsmith,
Eleaser Luse,
Joshua Goldsmith,
Abner Wells,
Joshua Goldsmith, Jr.
David Hedger, Jun.
Ishmael Reeve,
Benjamin Moore,
David Goldsmith,
Daniel Osborn, Jun.
David Horton,
John Goldsmith,
Nathan Goldsmith,
Joshua Wells,
Benjamin Pain,
Daniel Terry, yunor,
Joshua Benjamin,
Edward Penny, juner,
William Howell,
Thomas Wells,
Andrew Hart,
John Wells,
Samuel Cox,
Timothy Wells,
Joseph Reeve,
James Reeve, 3d,
Gershom Terry,
Daniel Osborn,
Daniel Wells,
Joshua Clark,
Israel Youngs,
Cravet Wells,
Ebeneazer Soper,
Wm. Brown,
Henry Tuthill,
Ephraim Soper,
David Brown,
Zacharias Halliock,
Henry Brown, Juner,
Phinehas Wells,
Peter Brown,
Richard Brown,
Timothy Corwin, Juner,
Richard S. Hubbard, Jr.
Obadiah Hudson,
Jacob Aldrich,
James Halliock,
Garshum Aldrich,
Zerubbabel Halliock,
Daniel Halliock,
Richard Halliock,
Zerubbabel Halliock, Jr.
Selah Reeve,
francois fourniers,
James Wells,
Richard S. Hobard,
Phenehas Beckwith,
Henery Brown,
John Williamson, Juner,
Phenehas Howel,
John Hobard,
Barnabus Terrill,
William Wells, Juner,
Timothy Corwin,
Jonathan Howe,
Petter Hallock, Juner,
Petter Simons.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Westchester County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 133.]

We who are this day appointed as a Committee for the County of Westchester, do certify that *Governeur Morris*, *Lewis Graham*, *James Van Cortlandt*, *Stephen Ward*, *Joseph Drake*, *Philip Van Cortlandt*, *James Holmes*, *David Dayton*, *John Thomas*, *Junr.*, *Robert Graham and William Paulding* were chosed to be the Deputies from this County to the Provincial Convention of the Province of New York. Witness our Hands the Eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five. GILBT DRAKE, *Chairman.*

David Dan,
Miles Oakley,
Jno G. Graham,
Saml Drake,
Lewis Morris,
Jonathan Platt,
Michael Hays,
Samuel Crawford,
Gilbert Thor..,
Thomas Thomas,
James Newman,
Jonathan G. Tompkins,
George Comb,
Micah Townsend,
Benoni Platt,
Fred V. Cortlandt,
James Varian,
Samel Haviland,
Benjn Lyon,
Robert Bloomer,
Joshua Ferris,
William Miller.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Albany County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 1.]

Whereas, at a meeting of committees of the several Districts in the county of Albany, held in the city of Albany on the 10th of May, 1775, the following persons,

viz—*Robert Yates*, *Abraham Yates*, Junr., *Volkert P. Douw*, *Jacob Cuyler*, *Peter Silvester*, *Dirck Swart*, *Walter Livingston*, *Robert Van Rensselaer*, *Henry Glen*, *Abraham Ten Broeck*, and *Francis Nichols*, Esquires, were appointed to Represent the said city and county in Provincial Congress on the Twenty Second day of May instant, in the city of New York, with such Deputies as are or may be appointed from the other counties in this colony to consult of, Determine on, and transact all such matters as shall be then and there agitated for the good of the colony in general, and this county in particular. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above written:

First Ward, Albany:
Gisbert Marselis,
John Bay,
Henry J. Bogart.

Second Ward, Albany:
John R. Bleecker,
Jacob Lansing, Junr.

Third Ward, Albany:
John H. Ten Eyck,
Cornelius Van Santvoord,
Gerritt Lansing, Junr.
Saml Stringer.

Hosack:
Daniel B. Bradt,
Fenner Palmer,
John Wood.

for *Bennington:*
Nathan Clark,
Elijah Dewey.

mannor of *Rensselaer:*
Jacob J. Lansing,
Gerrit C. VandenBergh,
Killyaen Rensselaer,
Jacob C. Schermerhorn,
John H. Beeckman,
Lucas Van Veghten,
Joackym Staats,
Jacob L. Lansing,
Henry Oothout, Junr.
Henry Quackenboss,
Bastejaen T. Vischer.

Corporation and district of *Cambridge:*
John Younglove,
Saml Ashton,
Simeon Carll,
Jeremiah Clark,
John Millington.

Schenectady District:
James Willson,
Harml H. Wendell,
Hugh Mitchell,
Abrm Oothoudt,
John Roseboom,
Joseph Anderson.

German Camp district:
John Kortz, Junr.
Phillip Rockefeller.

mannor of *Livingston:*
Peter R. Livingston,
Samll Ten Broeck,
Dirck Jansen,
Henry B. Livingston.

Groote Inbogdt:
John Van Orden,
David Abeel.

Cocksakis District:
Jas Barker,
Henry Van Bergen.

Kinderhook:
Peter Vosburgh,
Peter S. Van alstine,
Matthew Goes, Junr.
H. V. Schaack.

Saratoga:
Har. Schuyler,
Cornls Van Veghten,
Cornelyus Jo van den Bogh.

Scaticoke District:
Jno Js Bleecker,
michel van der cook,
Charles H. Toll.

United districts of *Scoharie* and *Duaensburgh:*
Peter Vroman,
Jacob Zimmer.

Kings District:
Nathl Colver,
Mattw Adgate,
asa Douglass.

Claverack District:
Peter Cantine, Junr.
Stephen Hogeboom.

Half Moon:
Guert V. Schoonhoven,
Isaac Fonda,
wilhelmus van antwerp,
Ezekiel Taylor.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Charlotte County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 99, 125; 30: 5, 138.]

At a meeting of the Committee in the townships of White Creek, Cambdon, Adington, Manchester, Dorset, Rupert, Pollett and Wells, in the County of Charlotte Province of New York For Chusing Two delegates to meet at the Convention at New York the 22d inst. Be it known That *Jno. Williams* and *William Marsh* was elected for the purport above mentioned as witness our Hands this 12th of May 1775. Signed by the Committee:—

Hamilton McCallister, Joshua Conkey, Nathan Hawley, Jno Nesbett, Jonathan willard, Joseph M'Craken, James Heard, John Williams, William Marsh, Samuel Rose, Smith Smith, Caleb Smith, John Bains, Cephas Kent.

At a meeting held at Fort Edward June 29th, 1775, to chuse three delegates to Represent the County of Charlotte at the Provincial Congress convened at the City of New York, with Doctor John Williams and William Marsh Esq[r] Before chosen by a number of the inhabitants of said County. Be it known that Doctor George Smyth, David Watkins and Archibald Campbell Esq[rs] Is duly Elected, and it is the sense of the Inhabitants of the county aforesaid, that the above-named *John Williams*, *William Marsh*, *George Smyth*, *David Watkins* and *Archibald Campbell* they or either of them, shall represent the said County in the provincial Congress at New York.

Signed by order of the County Committee.

ARCHI[D] CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Signers in Charlotte County.

District of Black Creek, April and May, 1775.

David Watkins,
Alex[r] Webster,
John Wilson,
John Hamilton,
Robert Wilson,
David Hopkins,
James Wilson,
Moses T. Munson,
Alex[r] M[c]Dougal,
John Getty,
Edward Wade,
Samuel Crossett,
David Hopkins,
Isaac Lytle,
David Getty,
Robert Getty,
Isaac Hopkins,
W[m] Duer,
Arch[d] Stewart,
Patt Smyth,
Phineas Gage,
James Reynolds,
Asahel Janyne,
Abel Rundle,
his
Michel x Buffel,
mark
cambrius Francis,
Andrew mcConohan,
Elisha Parsons,
thomas Lester,
his
John x Dove,
mark
Boorg Zudwinger,
his
Benimin x fillips,
mark
his
Henry x fillips,
mark
Samuel Briant,
Adam Robbertson,
George Cool,
John Newell, Jun[r]
James Gamel,
George M[c]Knight,
Adam Getty,
Samuel Gammel,
David Wheedon,
Salmon Wade,
David Wilson,
Josiah Parish,
Daniel M[c]klebray,
John M[c]Neale,
Jon[th] Baker,
George Fowler,
John Duncan,
Jonathan Barber,
Daniel M[c]Cloud,
John Munson,
John M[c]Donal,
Samuel Close,
Anthony Stinivson,
John Seaback,
William Leahy,
Samuel Payn,
Elisha Cinneeom,
Elijah Smyth,
Geo. Smyth,
Nehemiah Harris,
Joseph Gillet,
Epaphras Bell,
his
Solomon x Durkee,
mark
his
James x Durkee,
mark
his
Thomas x Durkee,
mark
his
Benjamin x Bristoll,
mark
his
John x Runnals,
mark
his
Abijah x Dunman,
mark
Jacob Marsh,
Oliver Fowler,
Alexander Gamel,
Norman M[c]Cloud,
Alex. Simpson,
John Dunlap,
John White,
John Reid,
John M[c]kinsey,
James Burns,
John M[c]Mullen,
Peter Gary,
Anannias Cormae,
Josiah Parrish, Junr.
Nathaniel Munson,
John Peck,
John Gary,
Duncan M[c]Cloud.
his
John x Sandors,
mark
Barthow Carty,
Silas Bristol,
Ezekil Spicer,
Francis Delany,
John Cook,
his
Israel x fuller,
mark
his
John x Maccartor,
mark
John Henney,
Bill Fuller,
James Durkee,
Daniel Dunham,
Noah Payn,
Timothy Buell,
Peter Fruel,
J. Huntington,
Duncan M[c]Connelly,
Joseph Fox,
James Rea,
Amos Bristol.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Dutchess County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 157.]

We the Subscribers do hereby certify, that at a county meeting, in consequence of notifications for that purpose, held at Poughkeepsie on Tuesday the 16th of May, 1775, *Dirck Brinkerhoff*, *Anthony Hoffman*, *Zephaniah Platt*, *Richard Montgomery*, *Ephraim Paine*, *Gilbert Livingston*, *and Jonathan Landon*, Esqrs., and Messrs *Gysbret Schenck*, *Melanethon Smith*, and *Nathaniel Sackett*, were by a majority of voices Elected Deputies for the term of six month to represent the county of Dutchess in the Provincial convention to be held at the city of New York on the 22d instant.

Rev. Robinson, James Smith, Abraham Bockee, Cornelius Humphrey, Roswell Hopkins, Ananias Cooper, Jacob Swartwout, Jonn Lewis, Egbt Benson.

Names of Persons who signed the Association in Dutchess County, June & July, 1775.

[Associations, 30: 7.]

Henry Sherburne,
Jonth Lewis,
John Hibbird,
Theophilus Wadleigh (or Radleigh),
Timothy Soaper,
Samuel Smith,
Daniel Soule,
Jacob Lesh,
Benjamin Atwater,
Titus Mead,
David Robins,
John Robins,
Peter Smith,
Jesse Cornell,
Absalom Trowbridge,
Jeremiah Shaw,
Stephen Atwater,
Joseph Crary,
Isaac Smith,
Thomas hill,
Peter Vandeursen,
Moses Dolph,
Ezekiel Rile,
Ira Winans,
Samll More,
Peter Smith, Junr.
Nathan Lounsbery,
Epanetus Lounsbery,
Andrus Stickl,
Christian Cambel,
Cornelius Villir,
John Schermehorn,
Benjamin Knickerbacker, Jr.
Peter Van Leuven,
Caleb Reynolds,
David Fisk,
Sheubel Holmes,
John Knickerbacker,
Petrus Hommel,
Benjamin knickerbacker,
Caleb Fince,
Richard Gray,
Eliphelet Platt,
Isaac Wood,
Isaack his x mark young,
james young,
Benjn terbush,
Gabriel Douzenbery,
Wilhelm fincke,
Benjamen his x mark Crandle,
William his x mark Smith,
Motise Witse,
John Stuart,
Adam Snider,
William Mansfield,
Michael Row, Junr.
Phillip Smith,
Jacob Weaver,
Phineas Rice, Junier, by Order.

July 5th, 1775, we the Subscribers Being Legally Chosen, as a Sub committee Do Return all the Names of persons who has Signed the above association and Likewise the persons who did Not Sign on the Back.

pr. CHAs GRAHAM, &c.
HENRY SHERBURNE.

A List of Persons Nott signing it.

John George Herrick,
Hontue Smith, Senior,
Hontue Smith, Junior,
Niclas Smith,
Leonard Smith,
Jonathan Griffin,
Jonathan Devall, the Reason he assigns for nott, has taken an oath under the King,
Daniel McConolly,
William Melious,
Lockland Mcentash,
Alaxandur Mcentash,
William Mcentash,
Andrus Pulver,
William Rector,
Volantine Emert,
Henderrick Younklion,
John Stickel,
John Pulver,
Henderrick Ceerfur,
Peter Pulver,
Henkrick Hoofman,
Phillip Snider,
Benjamin Vanleuvan,
Isaac Vanleuvan,
John Weaver,
Harry Weaver,
Hendrick Row,

Tice Wilsey,
Benjamin Willbor,
William Merrifield,
Jacob Melious, Junior,
Motise Row,
John Bearry,
Mical Simons,
Jacob Louke,
Cornelus Clark,
Vandil Pulver,
Peter Weaver,
Michael Smith,
Mical Row, Senior,
John Peter Row,
Tice Smith.

Signers.

[Associations, 30: 9.]

Nine Partners, Northeast Precinct, Dutchess County, June & July, 1775.

Ebenezer Bishop,
Levi Stalker,
Cornelius Fuller,
David Bulkley,
Thomas Crosby,
Joseph Jackson,
David St. John,
Thomas Crosby, Jun.
Renel Seeton,
Willard Seton,
Ebenezer Craves, Jr.
Philip Lott,
Charles Trusdell, by his order,
Wheaton Robinson,
Ebenezer Merritt,
George Morhouse,
Levi Rawlee,
James Winchell,
Jonathan Grenell,
Joseph Stalker,
Benj[n] Crosby,
John Seton,
Comfort Stalker,
Vinant Foster,
John Wilks,
Ebenezer Coan,
thomas townsand,
John Housdell,
Benjamin Covey,
James Covel,
Caleb Woodard.

The above and forgoing is a true return of the Names that was willing to Sign this foregoing Association and the names of those in the Destrict that Refused are on the Other Side of this Association paper. July 5th, 1775.

pr. GEO. MORHOUSE, *Sub Committee.*

Names of those on the other side refusing to sign.

John M[c]Alpine,
Daniel M[c]Alpine,
Walter M[c]Alpine,
—— M[c]Queen, a young man lately from Scotland,
Darby Lindsey,
Lewis Bryan,
James Bryan.

North East Precinct, Dutchess County, July 5th, 1775.

A true Return of the Names of the inhabitants and freholders of the Several Districts allotted to us to hand about this association.

pr. WILL[M] STEWART, NATH[IEL] MEAD,
J. SIMMONS, FREDERICK HANN.

[Associations, 30: 12, 13.]

Silas Husted,
Morris Graham,
John Wiltse,
Henry Sherburne,
Gideon Salsbury,
Augustin Graham,
John Sharar,
John Colvin,
David Orr,
John Colupland,
John Hayes,
Asa Bullock,
William Orr,
Daniel Palmer,
Samuel Crandell,
Samuel Crandell, Jr.
John Row,
John Brown,
Israel Thompson,
Will[m] Stewart,
James Ralston,
John head,
Edward fonary,
Lemuel Winehel,
George Head,
Barnard Ostrim,
James Hitt,
John Melham,
Benjamin Southward,
Benjamin Cuthberth,
J. Simmons,
George Schneyder,
Cornelis Delametter,
Smith Simmons,
Robart Enery,
Cornlous Wels,
Casper Rouse,
Simeon Gifford,
John Crandell,
benjamin Conger,
Cornelus Mack Daniel,
John Crandall,
Joseph Crandell,
Phinehas Rice,
James Stephens,
James Newcomb,
Adonijah Newcomb,
John Lennon,
Samuel miller,
James Winchel,
Andrew Quick,
Isaac Lamb,
Bostion Row,
William Hen[y] C. Perry,
Claudius Delis,
George Robertson,
Caleb Norton,

Richard Estes,
John Burnet,
John Far,
Samuel Conger,
Orra forgoson,
John Latton.
Nathaniel Mead,
Jonathan Mead,
Lemuel Reed,
Simon J. Myer,
Carel Nehr,
Lemuel Wiliams,
Asa Bishop,
Ensley Simmons,
James Stewart,
John Williams,
Aaron Darling,
John Hoff.

NORTHEAST PRECINCT D. COUNTY, July 5th, 1775.

A Return of the Names of those that Refused to Signe to this Association are on this Side of this paper. Test. WILLM STEWART,
J. SIMMONS,
NATHANIEL MEAD.

Nicolas Silvernail,
George Frothingham,
Oliver Asten,
Elish Colver,
Nathaniel Niles,
Abraham Oostrander,
John Van Kamp,
Jacob Brimstool,
Thos Gray,
Henry Tiets,
Asa Brown,
Jacob Doucher,
Leenes Feeler,
Abraham Scouten,
Coonrad mellham,
Jacob Vanbramer,
John Hartuf,
Richard Eavery,
John Smith,
Cristofer Teal,
John Sherihan,
Robart Embray,
Philip Eastis,
John Pitcher,
George Mortain,
George S. van maaker, (?)
Aaron Shaw,
Daniel North,
Robart North,
Casper Bill,
Matthew Winter,
John Wilde,
Richard Wilde,
William Wils,
Obadiah Gefford.

NORTHEAST PRECINCT, DUTCHESS COUNTY, July 5th.

A true return of the names of the Inhabitants and the freeholders in the District apointed for me to hand about this Association.

pr. JOSEPH KETCHUM.

[Associations, 30: 14, 17.]

Joseph Ketchum,
Joseph Ketchum, Jun.
Jonathan Mapes,
Samuel his x mark Egelston, Sen.
Samuel Denton,
Samuel Egelston, Junior.
Ephraim Jones, Jun.
Seth Calkin,
Hezekiah Ketchum,
Moses Calkin,
Joshua Hamblin,
Alden Ashley,
Benjamin Perry,
Josiah Perry,
Anthoe Vanery,
Elijah Calkin,
Jared Carter,
Nathan Attwood,
Isaac Rogers,
Joseph Reynolds, junior,
Jonathan Close,
Joseph Rogers,
Abner Willcox,
William hager,
Richard Denton,
Isias Denton,
Ebenezer Beatch,
David Calkin,
Charles How,
Josiah Wilcox,
Lebbeus How,
Daniel Baker,
Joshua Dakin,
Jonathan Dolph,
Nathanel Lothrop.

DUTCHESS COUNTY, June and July, 1775.

Abrm Slocum,
John Mead,
John Furman,
Joel Washburn,
Nathan Gates,
Thomas Thomas,
John Seymour,
Stephen Warren,
Eleazer Gilson,
James mead,
Robart Freeman,
Joseph Penoyer,
Samuel Johnson,
Seelye Trowbridge,
Asa Foot,
Barnabas Gellet,
Elijah Smith,
Jeduthan Gray,
Ichabod Rogers, Junr.
Elijah Freeman,
Richard Larrabe,
Zedh Brown,
Henry Carney,
Jonah Barns,

Benjamin Johns,
Ebenezer Larrabe,
Ezra St. John,
Obed Harvy,
Robert Patrick,
Obed Harvy, Junr.
owen Osterhout,
Asa Hudson,
Jared Brace,
Eliakim Reed, Jun.
Samuel Dunham,
John Torner,
Martin DeLemetter,
Joseph Doty,
Peter Pertaskeo,
Saml Sniter,
Saml Jarvis,
Lot Swift,
John Boyd,
Matthew Vandeusen,
Nathll Swift,
Eleazr Morton,
Isaac Osburn,
Jonathan Hunter,
Samll Swift,
Ashbel Winegar,
Reuben Doly,
Wm Hunt,
Nicholas Row,
Saml Gray,
Simon Reed,
Samll Southworth,
Elisha Hollister,
Benjm Maxam,
Moses Gilett,
Lemuel Shirtliff,
Abial Mott,
Samll West,
John Cline,
Jeha Rogers,
Ephraim Besse,
Robert Johnson,
Jonathan Pike,
Gilbert Willett,
Thomas Mygatt,
Caleb Dakin,
George Sornburgh,
Fradrick Sornburgh,
Isaac Darrow,
Joseph Adams,
Conrad Winegar,
Isaac Lamb,
Joseph Green,
Simon Whitcomb,
Wm Roberts,
Albart Finch,
Joseph Benson,
Garret Row,
Nathan Barlow,
Abell Marchent,
Rufus Seton,
Henry Winegar,
Peter Shavelear,
Joseph Doty,
Richard Shavelear,
Solomon Shavelear,
Benj. Crippen,
David Payne,
Heth Kelley,
Jeremiah Chapman,
Nathll Pinney,
Ebenezer Besse,
Joseph Gray,
Isaiah Marsh,
Sal Palmer,
Obad Matthews,
Daniel Sage,
Jas Chapman,
Dal Harvey,
Thad Maning,
Amos Penoyer,
Joseph Gillet,
Jas B. Rowe,
Abner Shabaleer,
Jonas Adams,
Thomas Acly,
David Randle,
Ben : Sage,
Moses Brown,
Jno Scott,
Gerard Gates,
Elkanah Stephens,
John Mears,
Andrew Stephens,
Josiah Cleavland,
Jno Connors,
Elias Shavelier,
Silas Marsh.
James Reed,
Jno Chamberlain,
Colbe Chamberlain,
Ezra Reed,
Dan. Barry,
David Doty,
John Sackett,
Garret Winegar,
Walter Lothrop,
Ezekiel Sackett,
Dier Woodworth,
John Benson,
Samuel Winegar,
David Lamb,
John Gates,
Edward Bump,
John Dunham,
Richard Sackett,
Stephen Gates,
Silas Roe,
Nathll Gates,
Sith Dunham,
Isaac DeLemetter,
Thiel Lamb,
Benjm Delano,
Daniel Webster,
Samll Judson,
Wm Mitchell,
Henry Winegar,
William Young,
Jno Bary,
Robert Freeman,
Bowers Slavon,
Thomas Ganong,
Elihu Beardsler,
Nathan Palmer,
John DeLemetter,
Wm Chamberlain,
Nathan Barlow,
Simeon Kellsy,
Zadock Knap,
Benjm Hollister,
John Sackett, junr.
Robert Hobard,
Joshua Losel,
John Merchant,
Daniel Castle,
Abraham Fench,
Levi Orton,
Wm Hall,
Peter Klyne,
Ledgare Chorto,
Jno Lloyd,
Increase Child,
Elisha Barlow,
Cornl Atherton,
Reuben Doty
Silvenus Nye,
Edmund Bramhall,
Elijah Reed,
Stephen Delano,
Gershom Reed,
Moses Barlow,
Solomon Armstrong.

Daniel Washbon,
Jacob Dorman,
Seth Swift,
Ellis Briggs,
Samuel Hart,
Elijah Mayo,
Josiah Williams,
Silas Reed,
Richd Hamilton,

S^{r}. In pursuance of your Order, I have procured the above Subscribers and am Sir, with great respect, your very humble Serv^{t}, SILAS MARSH.

195 Whigs and 3 Tories.

The black Role of Tories:

Judah Swift,
Sam^{ll} Dunham, Sen^{r}.
Peter Mason.

Tho out of my limits I am compeled to remind you Gentlemen of James Smith, Esqr., who is Nortoriously Wicked.

DUTCHESS COUNTY, RHINEBECK PRECINCT.

A Return of the Names of such Persons as have refused to sign the General Association.

EG^{B} BENSON,
Chairman of the Precinct Committee.

[Associations, 30: 19.]

Mordecai Lester,
Peter Prosses,
Timothy Doughty,
Adam Tibble,
Jacob Tibble,
Lodewick Heght,
Peter E^{m} Schryver,
Peter Freligh,
Stephanus Freligh,
Adam Ecker,
Peter Ecker,
Johannis Ecker,
Adam Jury Ecker,
Jacob Van Vradenburgh,
John Brown,
Hendrick Ecker, Jun^{r}.
Jacob Shafer,
John Holmes,
Philip Pinck,
John Pinck,
Philip Pinck, Jun^{r}.
Jacob Elen,
Henry Wederwaks,
Abraham Wederwaks,
Philip Loune,
Bashan Loune,
Anderis Loune,
George Lamont,
Jacob Loune,
John Wels, Jun^{r}.
Benjamin Westfall,
Benjamin Wels,
John Hendericks,
Jacob Hendericks, Jun^{r}.
David Seeman, Jun^{r}.
Jeremiah Seeman, Jun^{r}
Petrus Fero,
Martin Threecarter,
Jacob Van Etten,
Zeabolon Hallick,
Adam Bargh,
Michael Brua,
George Stover,
Georg Anderson,
Zacharias Cramer,
Johannis Cramer,
Johannis Van Etten, Jun^{r}.
Stephanus Burger,
Christian Bargh,
Christian Bargh, Jun^{r}.
John Hallock,
Christian Prua,
John Bender, Jun^{r}.
John Tile,
Joest Schever,
Fraderick Schever,
Henry Schever,
Anthony Strant,
Benjamin Steenburgh, Jun^{r}.
Hendrick Myer,
Tunis Boutcher,
Conradt Polver,
Casper Boutcher,
Jacob Yager,
Juery Hoffman,
Nicholas Hoffman,
Johannis Righpenbergh,
Petrus Righpenbergh,
Andres Luyck,
Zacharias Drom,
Hendrick Heermanse,
Jacobus kip,
Bastion Witterwax,
Hendrick Shook,
Christian Shook,
Cobes Shook,
Petrus Frome,
Hendrick A. Schryver,
Marthen Schryver,
Marthynes Schryver,
Tunes Van Benschoten,
Egnos Van Benschoten,
Egbert Bunchoten,
Harmanes Bunschoten,
John Cornell,
John Sickner,
Benjamin V. Vradenburg, Jr.
Henry Pawling,
John Schryver,
David Schryver,
Johannis Van Wagener,
Barent Van Wagener,
Mathew Van Etten,
Cobus Van Etten,
Isaac Van Etten,
Hendrick Pelts,
Lodewick Elshaver,
Peter Stile,
Conradt Bammes,
Martha Teel,
Lawrence Teel, Jun^{r}.
Johannis Fraver,
Peter Freidenberg,
Hans Zipperly,
Jose Neer,
David Loun,
Johannis Loun, Jun^{r}.
Jacob Seeman,
John Seeman,
Jacob Seeman, Jun^{r}.
George Shook,
Peter Freligh,
Michael Seeman,
Abraham Seeman,

Jacob Cole,
Jacob Miller,
John J. Cole,
Jacob Shomaker,
George Bennet,
Johannis Sagor,
Christian Dederick,
George Dederick,
Michael Puls,
David Puls,
Christuffal Puls,
Daniel Puls,
George Puls,
Bastian Wagor,
Powlis Wagor,
John Marquet,
Johannis Banker,
Martnes Banker,
Laurance Banker,
George Marquet,
Peter Prough,
Powlis Prough,
Adam Asher,
John Asher,
Gerrit Dedrick,
Jacob Kiselbargh,
John Kip,
Benjamin Van Etten,
Jacobus B. Van Etten,
Jacobus Van Etten,
Jacobus Jacob V. Etten,
Abraham Van Etten,
Benjamin Van Etten, Junr.
John Van Etten,
Jacob Van Etten,

Philip Traver,
Bastian Traver,
Peter Traver,
John Traver,
Jacobus Vradenburgh,
Jacobus Vradenburgh, Junr.
Christopher Ring,
George Ring,
Johannis Ring,
David Ring,
Peter Westfall,
John V. Steenbergh,
Gradus Lewis,
John B. Kip,
Hugh Landen,
John Kettyman,
Christian Shults,
John Shults,
Henry Richart,
David Richart,
Philip Richart,
Johannis Richart,
William Wallace,
Henry Wallace,
Francis Nehis,
Charles Nehis,
Francis Nehis, Junr.
Peter H. Traver,
John H. Traver,
Frederick Traver,
Jacob Traver,
Abraham Kip,
Peter Scriver,
Peter Kip,
Henry Lewis,

Jacob Shelden,
John G. Miller,
William Mackay,
Thomas Briant,
Jacob Smith,
John Tennis,
William Waldrom,
Barent Van Benthysen,
Johannis Rysdorf,
Jacob J. Kip,
Cornelius Fynhout,
Cornelius Fynhout, Junr.
Petrus Rysdorf,
Lawrence Rysdorf,
Arent Kip,
Jacobus Kip, Junr.
Peter Elkenbergh,
Petrus Cram,
Adam Shever,
Jury Adam Shufelt,
William fuller,
Lawrence Shewfelt,
Petrus Shewfelt,
Adam Shewfelt,
John Allamton,
John Francis Allamton,
Jacop Evans,
David Shaver,
Jacob Lown,
Fraderick Slays,
Peter Van Benthuysen, Senr.
Jacob Van Benthuysen,
Peter Van Alen,
Phil. T. Livingston.

Signers.
[Associations, &c., 30: 28.]

Dutchess County, Beekman's Precinct, July 1775.

William Humfrey,
Joshua Carman,
Ebenezr Cary,
Charles Platt,
Wm McNeal,
William Clark,
Thomas Ley,
Samuel Crandel,
Maurice Pleas,
Thomas Nethaway,
Benoni Sweet,
Nathl Stevenson,
Nathaniel Cary,
Saml Lewis,
Zebulon Ross,
Samuel Gardiner,
Martin Cornell,
Benjamin Noxon,
Elial Youmans,
John Forguson,

Henry Whittmon,
Nicklus omey,
Walton Huling,
John Huling,
Jacob Miller,
Wm McDowell,
Thomas Cornell,
Isaac Dennis,
James Humfrey,
Thos Humfrey,
Thos Spencer,
William Bently, Junior,
Fr: West,
John Jenkins,
Aholyab Markes,
Arnold Reynolds,
Amos Randall,
John Wightman, Junr.
Whiten Parks,
Jonathn Dennis,

Gideon Hall,
Jabez Spencer,
John Eagles,
John Sweet,
James Wells,
Job Shearman,
Joseph Carr,
Daniel Uhl,
William Smith,
Samuel Sweet,
Peter Shear,
Peter Shear, junior,
Roger Mory, junor,
Isaac Yerrington,
Peter Storm,
Josiah Ingersol,
James McLees,
Nathaniel Hicks,
John Weaver,
Edward Howard,

William Hall,
Joseph Carr,
Joshua Champlin, Junr.
Isaac Vail,
John arnold,
Job Tanner,
Johannes Delong,
Hezekiah Rogers,
Ezekiel Rogers,
Griffen Reynolds,
Peter Brill,
Samuel Cornwall,
Joseph Lawless, Junr.
Peter McClees,
John Hosurn,
Zephaniah Brown,
Cornrs Van Wyck,
Joshua Carman, Jur.
John Melony,
John Andrews,
Charles Newton,
Henry Bailey,
Francis Losee,
Daniel Smith,
William Shear,
William Champlin,
Philip Vincent,
John Vinson,
John Reasoner,
Stephen Forgason,
Jonathan West,
John Kelly,
benjaman fargason,
Joseph Reynolds,
Maurice Smith,
Joseph Taylor,
Steven Johnson,
James McCollum,
Edward Weaver,
Gershom Thorn,
Peter Harris,
William Brewer,
James McCreedy,
Abraham Hyatt,
Gilbert Totten,
Edward Treadwell,
Elias Alley,
Isack Cotton,
Peter Harris,
James V. D. Burgh,
Jesse Oakley,
Tillinghast Bentley,
Peter Noxon,
Thomas Doxse,
filip Von Vunser,

Henry Pearsall,
garrett mill,
Johannes Lain,
Henry Smith,
Ludwick Sweet,
George Sweet,
David Storm,
Talmage Edwards,
Stephen Townsend,
Joshua Burch,
David Brill,
Nicholas Koone,
Benjamin Birdsall,
Christopher Wait,
David Sweet,
John moon,
Nicholas Potter,
Jadiah Jenkins, Jr.
Jonathan Jenkins,
Thomas Clark,
John Irish,
Andrew Corkrone,
Timothy force,
Clear Everitt,
Ezekiel Smith,
Benjamin IRish,
Isaac Irish,
Rowland Stafford,
William Bently,
Tabor Bently,
Thomas Baker,
William Spencer,
John Bently,
Neal Tripp,
Daniel Fish,
Judiah IRish,
Solomon force,
Benjamin force,
Seth Sprage,
Benjamin Spencer,
Samuel Whitman,
Matthew Coon,
Nathaniel Sweet,
Casy Eldrig,
Johannes Lossing, Junr.
Samuel Tomson,
Benjamin Hall,
Abel Parker,
James Tanner,
Joshua Champlin,
Benjamin force,
Abraham Denne,
Joseph Denne,
Joseph Bently,
Richd Mackrill,

Jacob Lain,
John Beam,
Henry Shear,
Theophilus Sweet,
John Woolley,
William Tanor,
Charles Heazelton,
John Snider,
Seth Smith,
Jacob Essmond,
John Sweet,
Elisha Champlin,
Joseph Holloway,
Jacob Hutchins, Jun.
John Oats,
James Eastmond,
Lewis Shear,
Israel Vail,
david Storm,
Jonathan Jenkins,
Gideon Hall,
Ezekiel Hubbard,
Joseph Booler,
John Sweet,
Joshua Mowry,
Stephen Mowry,
Cornelius Maynema,
Tobias Clements,
Thomas Clements,
Nathaniel Rogers,
Andrew Carman,
Albert Adriance,
James Wiltse,
Samuel Yonng,
Danl Lawrence,
William B. Alger,
Job Green,
William Humfrey, Jur.
Joseph Carman,
John Hegeman,
George Losee,
Johannes Acker,
france Wiltse,
Henry Cornell,
Abel Simson,
Zachariah Flagler,
John Losee,
William Kelly,
William Barber,
Nathaniel Smith,
Caleb Townsend,
Myndert Harris,
Obadiah Cooper, Junr.
John Hicks,
peter Leavens.

[Associations, &c., 30: 30.]

DUTCHESS COUNTY, June 1775.

Joel Edget,	Elijah forgason, Juner,	Reuben Bullock,
Peter Cartwright,	Job Conger,	Henry Birdsall,
George Cronkhite,	David pamer,	nathaniel Sol,
Jonathan Parks,	David Abbet,	Ebenezer Sol,
John fish,	Matthew Bekwith,	David Brown,
Woos dakin,	Abraham Moser,	Samuel Euery,
Digmus Kinne,	David Cash,	peter fred Crowner,
John Compton,	Amos Crandell,	Adam Backus,
John Lamb,	Pardon fish,	Nehemiah Lester,
Jacob Rouse,	Silvanus Cash,	Jonathan Alger.
Elijah forgason,	Thomas Bullock,	

[Associations, &c., 30: 34, 35.]

DUTCHESS COUNTY, NORTH-EAST PRECINCT, June & July 1775.

Samuel LRue,	John Wilson,	John Rouse,
Hugh Rea,	John Casey,	Edward Edsed,
Elisha Mead,	Godwin Sliter,	Benjamin Soule,
Robert Orr,	Matthew Orr,	John May,
John Orr,	William Rea,	Joseph Sarlsburg, Sen^{r}.
Jehiel Mead,	Joseph Foster,	David Bostwick,
Joseph Loggan,	Jessie ferris,	William Parks,
William Smile,	Wintrip Norton,	John Bortell,
John Crandle,	Joseph Palmer, juner,	Stephen Edgaat,
Hugh Orr,	John Palmetor,	George Edgeet, Jun^{r}.
Daniel Wilson,	James Headding,	John Avery,
Samuel Mott,	Abner Jackson,	Jonathan Smith,
Ebenezer Young,	Seth fish,	John Homs,
David Love,	Isaac Winans,	Samuel Crandell,
Daniel Parks,	marcus headen,	william robins,
David Hamblen,	william winans,	peleg horton,
Peter Knickerbacker, Senior,	Geremiah Giffers,	Michalmas field,
Lawrence Knickerbacker,	James Wilson, Sen^{r}.	Moses Fish,
Peter Knickerbacker, Jun^{r}.	frederick Stickles,	John Carpenter,
James Knickerbacker,	John Link,	Ashahel Owenill,
Robert Wilson,	John fulton,	Elijah Lake,
James Wilson, Jr.		

The forgoing is a true Return of the names of the Inhabitants and freholders in the District allotted to us that Signed this Association. And the names of them that are on the other Side are the Names of those that Refused to Sign this association, Test: HUGH ORR, PETER KNICKERBOCKER,
DAN^{L} WILSON, JOHANNES REISENBERGER.

A List of the Persons that Refuses to Sign this Association:

Jacob Miltmore,	Nicholas Row,	Zechri Fillips,
William Clum,	John Hipman,	John Backer,
Phillip Clum,	John Drum, Jun.	Yerre Keflr,
Jonathan Batreck,	John Houk,	Marts Kresser,
William Batreck,	John Row,	Frederick Destin,
Jacob Louks, Jun^{r}.	John Bous,	Jacob Row,
Peter Allen,	Peter Bous,	Petr. Bitehr,
Isaac Allen,	John Krister,	Adam Bitehr,
Jacob Drum,	George Miner,	Andres Houk,
Zechri Tets,	John Drum,	Petr. Bossoin,

Honeyfelt Shaur,
Simon Killmore, Sen.
Andrew Colbox,
Wanant Weaver,
Honthise Couse,
John Houghtaling,
Jacob Hover,
Andrew Collson,
John White,
Joseph Mott,
william green,
Nehemiah avery,
amos avery,
michal coloney,
daniel mead,
Elisha davis,
William davis,
peter Couse,
Jacob Couse,
Jacob Houghtaling,
Isaac Houghtaling,
yost Hendrickwise Row,
Derick fendik,
Fredrick Hom,
Elijah forgason,
Jerimiah forgason,
laban Crandell,
John Fillips,
Gerrit Holsop,
Fredrick Stickle,
John Link,
Jacob Shaver.

[Associations, &c., 30: 42.]

Dutchess County, Amenia Precinct, June & July, 1775.

I do agree to the above Association so far that it Doth not Interfere with the Oath of my Office nor any allegiance to the King. Isaac Smith,
Not to Infringe on my oathes. Abraham Becker.

Simeon Cook,
Ichabod Paine,
William Barker,
Job Mead,
Jonathan Shepherd,
Elijah Holmes,
Israel Shepherd,
Abner Gillet,
Jacob Power,
Barnabas Paine, Junr.
Noah Hopkins,
Elias Besse,
Rufus Herrick,
Brinton Paine,
Judah Burton,
James Bretts,
Benjamin Holmes,
John McNeill,
Samuel Herrick,
Benjamin Herrick, Junr
William Herrick,
John Curry,
Shubal Tyler,
Samuel Dodge,
Thomas Welsh,
Stephen Herrick, Junr
Squire Davis,
Abel Hebbard,
Elisha Adams,
Ebenezer Lattimore,
Ichabod Holmes,
Samuel Waters,
Justus Willson,
William Wynants, Junr
Benjamin Crofoot,
Benjamin Denton, Jun.
Joel Denton,
Ichabod Paine, Junr
Simeon Cook, Junr
James Hibbard,
Samuel Shepherd, Jun.
David Bruster,
Elisha Paine,
Asahel Sherwood,
John Bruson, Junr.
Elijah Darly,
Thos Cornwell,
David Gillet,
Benjamin Denton,
Jacob Reynolds,
James Beadle,
Benjamin Fowler,
William Knapp,
Abner Holmes,
Nathan Herrick,
Isaiah Mead,
Theophilus Lockwood,
Levi Mayhew,
John Howard,
William Ford,
Jesse Kinne,
Daniel Shepherd,
Joseph Backus,
Elnathan Spaulding,
Levi Atwater,
Benja Doty,
Benja Atwater,
Elijah Porter,
John Atwater,
Ezra Thurston,
Anhable Farr,
King Mead,
Seth Wheler,
Ebenezer Mayo,
David Rundel,
Thorn. Rudney,
Solomon Wheeler,
Thos Morey,
James Palmer,
Elijah Smith,
Nehemiah Dunham,
Gardner Gillet,
Barnabus Paine,
James Paine,
Robert Wood,
Zadock Buck,
Timothy Tilson,
Jacob Spicer,
John Osborn,
Josiah Osborn,
John Mead,
Grover Buel, Junr
Barnabas Cole,
Jonathan Allerton,
James Barker,
Noah Wheler,
Daniel Garnsy,
Samuel King, junr.
Benja Brown,
Matthew Stevens,
William Finch,
Joseph Smith,
Thos Lawrence,
Barzaliel Budd,
Ebenezer Carter,
James Alsworth, Junr
Elijah Wood,
Reuben Willson,
Daniel May,
Moses Harris, Junr
William Reynolds,
John Barnat, Junr
James Ford,
John Jones,
William Adams,
Ephraim Ford,
Abraham Adams, Junr

Weight Milleman,
Daniel Davison,
James Dickson,
Elisha Latimore,
John Collins,
John Benediet,
Versal Dickinson,
William Brush,
Platt Smith,
Josiah Webb,
Sylvester Handly,
Elijah Kinne,
Samnel Benediet,
John Barnet,
David Waters,
Lemuel Brush,
Jason Hammond,
David Trusdel,
Job Milk,
Adin Tubbs,
Jared Rundel,
Joel Thurston,
Roswell Hopkins,
Samuel King,
Abraham Paine,
John Brunson,
Jonathan Buck,
David Collins,
Zebulon Rudd,
Peter Morse,
Paul Johnson,
Nathan Spieer,
Israel Buck,
John Thayer,
Joseph Delavergne,
Eben Jones,
Joab Cook,
Jesse Smith, Jun.
Enoch Crosby,
John Mordach,
Ebenezer Park,
William King,
Grover Buel,
Isaac Parks,
Parrock Sherwood,
William Cornwall,
Samuel Cornwall,
Lewis De Lavergne,
Thomas Smith,
Gabriel Dickson,
Timothy Green,
John Holmes,
Ezekiel Johnson,
William Alsworth,
John Denney Jun.
William Willsey,
John Bartow,
Elijah Roe,
Isaac Mark,
James Barnet,
Gideon Castle,
Nathaniel Cook,
Benj[a] Vawn,
Samuel Holms,
Stephen Kinne,
Jabez Crippin,
Lawrence Wiltse,
Joseph Fowler,
John Denton,
Abraham Denton,
Isaac Burton,
Daniel Blaksly,
Robert Willson,
Joel Ketchum,
Ebenezer Kinne,
Richard Brush,
Benjamin Herrick,
Edmond Perlee,
William Blunt,
Monmouth Purdy,
Jacob Elliot,
Stephen Reynolds,
Joshua Talcut,
Ezra Cleavland,
Samuel Thompson,
John Coy,
Stephen Herriek,
James Smith, Jun[r]
Beriah Thomas,
Isaac Burton, Jun[r]
Mayhew Daggett, Jun[r]
Nathaniel Foster,
John Drake,
David Brown,
William Moulton,
Ezra Bryan,
James Allen,
Eli Burton,
Samuel Thompson, Jun.
John Ford,
John Thurston,
William McCollough,
Jonathan Fish,
John Farr,
John Douglass,
Joest Power, 225.

June y[e] 8[th], A[d] 1775. This may sertyfy all pepel whome It may cornsern that I the Svbseriber am willing to do what is best and wright to secure the priviligs of a mariga both sivel and sacred and to follow the advise of our Reverend congres so far as they do the word of God and the exzample of Jesvs Christ and I hope in the grace of God no more will be required, as witness my hand.

JOHN GARNSEY.

The following persons have neglected to Sign the Association:

3 Tories.

Joel Harvey, Jun[r]. Philip Rowe.

John Garnsey, has signed the paper annexed.

pr. ROSWELL HOPKINS.

Amenia, July 12[th], 1775.

Gentlemen: agreable to your Request I have procured the persons within mentioned to Subscribe the association togather with Mr. Samuel King and Mr. Silais Marsh, all in amenia Precinct in Dutchess County, the two Lists of Mr. Marsh, and this hath 420 Signers and 6 have delayed or Refused.

I am Gen[tm]. yours, &c.

ROSWELL HOPKINS.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 48, 50, 80, 82.]

Poghkeepsie, Dutchess County, June, July 1775.

John Bailey, Jun[r]
Jacobus Van Den Bogert,
Caleb Carman, junr.
Caleb his x mark Carman,
John Van Kleeck,
Jacob Ferris,
Omar Ferris,
John Seabury, Jun.
Joshua Moss (by order),
Robert Waddel,
Myndert Van Kleeck,
Henry Ellis,
Henry Van Blercome,
Simon J. Laroy,
Henry Kip, by order,
Benony Kip, by order,
Abraham Barclay, by Do.
Myndert Vandenbogert,
Isaac Romine, Junear,
Alexander Grigs, by Order,
Simon his x mark Bartley.

The Names of those persons refusing to sign the Association recommended by the provincial Convention in poughkeepsie:

Abraham Frair,
Abraham Frair, Ju[r]
Matthew Kip,
Simon Frair, Jun[r]
John Bomen,
Michael Welding,
John V D Bogart,
Joseph Chadderdon
John Hunt,
James Latsing,
Myndert Rynders,
Eli Emons,
John Emons,
George Baldwin,
Hendrick Miller,
Henry Barns,
Robert Churchell,
Isaac Baldwin,
Isaac Baldwin, Junr.
William Barns,
Simon Noxen,
John Low,
William Low,
Thomas Pinkney,
Elias Thompson,
John Van De Burgh,
Henry S. Van De Burgh,
Peter Van De Burgh,
Ezekiel Pinkney,
John Pinkney,
Henry Barns,
Peter Laroy.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 84, 88, 90.]

Dutchess County, June & July, 1775.

Peter Tappen,
Robert North,
Ezekiel Cooper,
Will[m] Terry,
Alexander Haire,
Tho[s] Poole,
Teunis Tappan,
Nathaniel Heusted,
George Brooks,
Nath[l] Conklin,
John Townsend,
And[w] Billings,
Samuel Corey,
John Tappen,
Henry Dodge,
Jonas Kilney,
Stephen Hendrickson,
Nathaniel Ashford,
Andrew Weeks,
John TorBush,
Cornelius Noble,
James Brisben,
John Johnson,
Abraham Pitt,
Samuel Cooke,
James Winans,
John Seabury,
William Forman,
Henry Livingston,
Stephen Van Voorhees,
John Concklen,
Mathew Conklin,
Thomas Travis, by order,
Zachariah Burwell,
Lemuel Howell,
Abraham Swartwout,
Rich[d] Everitt,
Matthias Sharp, pr. order,
John Child,
John T. Van Kleeck,
Peter B. Van Kleeck,
Dorlin Conorr, Junor,
James Read,
Richard Warner,
Wiliam Kelly,
James Lewis,
Geo. Shannan,
Alb[t] Westervelt,
William Roach,
Elias Freer, pr. order,
Leonard Van Kleeck,
Rich[d] Snedeker,
Frances Van Denbogart,
Garrit Van Waganen,
Jacobus VanKleeck jr, order,
Henry Eliss Jun, pr order,
John Maxfield,
Law[e] J. Van Kleeck.

The Following are the Names of Such that Refused to sign the association:

John Degraff.
Baltis Van Kleeck,
Matthew Kipp,
James Wood,
James Douglas,
Michael John Rutsen,
Aaron Olmstead,
Henry Beyex,
Eli Read,
Ebenezer Badger,
Pater P. VanKleeck,
Gail Yelverton,
John Palmitear,
Francis Palmitear,
John Coopman,
Thomas Freer,
William Emmott.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, 30: 92, 96, 98.]

Poghkeepsie, Duchess County, June & July, 1775.

Zepha Platt,
Peter Tappen,
Samuel Dodge,
William Forman,
John Bailey, Jur.
Johannis Swartwout,
Pieter VanKleeck,
John Frear,
Henry Livingston, Jur
Elias V Bunschoten,
Robert North,
Lewis Duboys,
And[w] Billings,
Peter Low,
Ezekiel Cooper,
John Schenck, Jr.
Paul Schenck,
Jacobus, Frear,
John Romyne,
Andrew Wattes,
Nathan Fray,
Barent Lewis (by order),
Thomas Holmes,
Jacob V Bunschoten,
Abraham Fort,
Carel Hoofman,
Henry Hoff (by order),
Gorus Storm (by order),
Thomas Jacocks,
Barnardus Swartwout,
Francis Jaycock(by order),
Mattheus VanKeuren,
Amariah Winchester,
Henry Willsie (by order),
John Willsie (by order),
William Jacockes,
Thomas Burnet,
James Brisby,
Matthew Burnett,
Gedyoun Bogge,
Thomas Bontu (by order),
William Burnett,
William Lawson, junr.
Abraham Van keuren,
John Saunders (by order),
John Briener (by order),
Hans Berner (by order),
Benjamin Jaycock(by order)
Thomas Rowse,
Isaac poole (by order),
Jonathan Johnson,
Aaron Reed (by order),
John Dilsoit, (?)
Peter Lossing (by order),
Peter Storm (by order),
James Elderkin (by order),
John Waterman (by order),
Johannes Fort (by order),
Simon W[m] Lossing (by order),
Matthew VanKeuren, Jun, (by order),
Silvanus Greatreaks,
Sam[ll] Smith,
James Livingston,
Rich[d] Davis,
Law[e] V[n] Kleeck,
John Mott,
Richard V D burgh,
Simon Freer,
John Davis,
Rob[t] Noxon,
Isaiah Bartly, by order.

A List of men's names who Refuse to Sign the general association Recommended by the Provincial Convention Takin at Poughkeepsie June & July 1775:

James Kelly,
Henry Van Denburgh, Esq[r]
Henry Van Denburgh, Jun.
Nathaniel Babcock,
Felix Lewis,
Austin Creed,
Tunis Williamson,
Bartholimew Noxon, Esq.
Bartholimew Crannell, Esq[r]
Melancton Lewis.

The following is a list of persons in the Southwestern part of poghkeepsie precinct in Dutchess County who (after a proper tender of the association to them) refused to subscribe the same:

Peter Dubois, Jun[r]
John Ferdon,
Zachary Ferdon,
Jacob Ferdon,
Esq[r] Ferdon,
John Miller,
Arie Medlar,
William Lassing,
Samuel Hull,
Isaac J. Lassing,
Fleming Steenbergh,
George Ame,
Jonathan Morey,
Samuel Pinckney.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 100, 102.]

Poghkeepsie, Dutchess County.

John Schenk, Jr.
Hendrick Pells,
Hendrick Pells, jr.
Johannes Kidney (by order),
Jacob Schryver,
Henry Hegeman,
George Sands (by order).

List of Persons who Refuses to Subscribe the general association:

Mindart Kidney,
Jacobus Kidney,
Jeremiah Dubois,
Evert Pelts,
Franes Pelts,
Michel Pelts,
Nehemiah Veal,
Jacob Palmatier,
Robert Kidney.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, &c, 30: 104, 105.]

POGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, June & July, 1775.

Lewis Duboys,
Jacobus Freer,
John Reed,
Jacob Rhoades,
William Wilsey,
Michel Yerry,
Ephraim Adams,
Tunes his x mark. Hannas,
Matthew Dubois,
Elias Van Bunschoten,
Martin Bush,
Hendrick Bush,
James Luckey,
Samuel Luckey,
William Yates,
Abraham Ferdon,
Peter F. Valleau,
Wilhelmus Ploegh,
geleyn ackerman,
Joel Dubois,
Peter Mullen,
Simon Leroy, Juner,
David his x mark. Ducher,
Peter Vandewater,
Edward Simmons,
Corneliss Viele,
Eli Read.

the Name following Refuse to sign the association:

John Midler,
Thomas Lawrence,
John Lawrence,
Samuel Ferdon,
Peter Dubois.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, &c., 30: 106.]

POGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, June & July, 1775.

Peter Low,
Larrene Lossing, jur
John Dubois,
Caspares Westervelt,
Lodewick Sypher,
Christian Bush,
Silvenus Beckwith,
Alex. Channer,
Stephen Vanderburgh,
Nathanel Dubois,
Caspaurus R. Wester Velt,
Cornelius Wester Velt,
Benjamin Westervelt,
Caspaurus B. Westervelt,
Peter Andrus Lansing,
Willm Annely,
William D. Lawson,
John C. Ringland,
garret vanvliet,
Jeremiah Dubois,
Jacob V D Burgh,
Peter Van Vliet,
Robert Hoffman,
William Jones,
Jacob Low,
Burnadus Swartwout,
John L. Van Kleeck,
Minnard Swartwout,
John Swartwout,
Fradrick Van Vliet,
John Robinson.

[Associations, 30: 110.]

DUTCHESS COUNTY, NORTHEAST PRECINCT, June & July, 1775.

Seth Case, juner,
Charles Graham,
Benoni well Dieu,
David Harvey,
Seth Case,
thomas merit,
Ichabod Case,
James Wager,
John Bull,
Stephen Trisdell,
Benjamin Eggleston,
Jonathan Lawrence,
Luther Holly,
Ebenezer Hartwell,
Josiah Holly,
Seth Perry,
David Lawrence,
Ebenezer King,
Abraham Hartwell,
Gilbert Clapp,
Joseph Randel,
Jeremiah Brownell,
Uriah Lawrence,
James Atwater,
Philip Spencer,
Joseph peck,
John Porter,
Joshua Hamblin,
Elisha Colver,
Archabell Johnston,
Samuel Neeley,
Simon Dakin,
Samuel Row,
Stephen Meritt,
Elicksander McMullen,
John Buttolph,
Adam Stevens,
Thomas Knapp.

A true return maid of the Names of those that Refuse to Sign Given by me
URIAH LAWRENCE, Committee.

Daniel Botlph, Peter Knap, John Halley.

ASSOCIATORS.

[Associations, 30: 202.]

DUTCHESS COUNTY, April & May, 1775.

Sam[l] Mabbitt, John Parkinson, James Neeson.
Israel Green, Jun[r]

[The Association to which the following Names are signed is engrossed on Parchment, and written in English, German and Dutch.]

[Associations, 30: 337.]

RHINEBECK PRECINCT, DUTCHESS COUNTY, 1775.

Peter Ten Broeck,
P. G. Livingston, Jun. .
one name illegible,
James Sheldon,
William Beam,
John Van Ness,
Herman Hoffman,
John White,
Ananias Cooper,
David Van Ness,
Egb[t] Benson,
Jacob Hermanse,
Andries Hermanse,
Peter Hermanse,
Zach[r] Hoffman, Jr.
Martin Hoffman,
Zacharias Hoffman,
Volckert Witbeck,
Martin Vosbergh,
Henriens Bradt,
Jacob Moor,
Abraham Cole,
peter van Bent,
—— Ruysen, Jun. (?)
James Everett,
William Bitcher, Jun.
Johanntiel Young Blat,
Johannes Mauer,
phillip Mohrr,
Jacob More, Jun.
Christian Mohr,
—— Walker,
Ludwick Ensell,
Isaac Walwork,
Samuel Green,
Peter Traver,
Peterus Morr,
Andrus Simon,
Jacob fisher,
Jacob Pink,
Samuel Elmendorph,
Zacharias Blacker,
Johannis Hummle,
Johannis Richter,
Levi Jones,

Isaac Cole,
Hendrick Miller,
Simon Cool, Juner,
Fredrick Wier,
Lewis Burns,
John Banks,
Harmon J. Knickerbacker,
Will[m] Tuttle,
Stephen Sears,
Joseph Houslworth,
Jacob Thomas,
Phillips Fellar,
Harmon Whittbeck,
Evert Vosburgh,
John Moore,
Philip I. Moore,
Nicholas Hoffman, Jun[r]
John Williams,
Joseph Lawrence,
Bartelt Anders,
Jacob Vosburgh,

[Three names illegible.]

John Yost Steel,
James Doglas,
John Gamson,
Thierck Schoonmacher,
Nicholas Harmanse,
Andries Hermanse,
Philip Bonasteel,
Seman S. Cole,
Andrew ——
Andres Michel,
John Lewis,
Christean Miller,
William Klum,
Johannes Miller,
Thomas Lewis,
Hendrick Live,
Everhart Rynders,
Henry Kemmeke,
George Sperling,
Greidus Steenbergh,
Elias Hinneon,

Dan[l] hannion,
Samuel Haims,
Peter Lodewyck,
Jacob Elmendorph,
Jan Elmendorph,
Fadralk going Smith,
Patt. Hogan,
Evert Heermanse,
John Cole,
Petrus Bitcher,
Zacharias Roob,
Jacob Cole, juner,
John Batist,
Helmes Heermanse,
Cornelius Elmendorph,
Philip Staats,
John Staats,
Peter Staats,
Isaac Berringer, jun[r]
William Wildorp,
frederick Banister,
John Heermanse,
Stoffle Waldorp,
Johannis Benner,
Ebenezer ——
George Sharp,
Christian Backer,
Petrus Backer,
Johannis Backer,
Wilhellmus ——
Conrad Lescher,
Michel Sheffell,
Godlob Mardin,
Hendrick Mardin,
David Martin,
Cornelius Swart,
James Adams,
Daniel Olden,
Francis Traber,
Jeremiah Overbagh,
Roger Perk,
Jacob Schermerhorn,
Cornelus Schermerhorn,
Samuel ——
Reyer Heermans,

Jacob Heermans,
Hendrick Moon,
Juery Lamon,
William Bitcher, Sen[r]
Wilhelmus Bitcher,
John Heermanse, Junior,
Andrew G. Heermanse,
Godfred Gray,
Hendrick Teter, Jun.
Abram Teter,
one German name illegible,
Johannes Smith,
Philip Blum[r],
Jacob Myers,
Edward Wheeler,
Nicholas Hoffman,
Peter Hoffman,
John Faller,
Niclas Faler,
Philib faler,
William Beringer,
Peter Nihr,
Jori nir,
Jhones nohr,
Conrad Beringer,
Henry Klum, Jun.
Con[s] Osterhoudt,
Benj[m] Myers,
John Osterhoudt,
Peter Cole,
Simon Kool,
Jacob maul,
Henrich Bender,
Everardus Bogardus,
Simon Westfall,
Jacob Tremper,
Zacharias Wachman,
William Radcliff,
Hendrick Waldorph, Jun.
Henrick Benner, Jun.
Henry Van Hoevenberg,
Jacob Maul, Juner,
Benjamin Van Steenbergh,
Godf. Heermans,
Stephen Ingalls,
Samuel V Lough,
Cornelis Van Lewen,
Johannis Van Keuren, Jr.
Tobyes Van Keuren,
Howel Blackwil,
John Klum,
Godfrey Hendrick,
Jacob Biringer,
Joh[s] younck,
Christian Fero,
Reyer Schermerhorn,
Wielhelmus Smith,
Fredrick Moul,

George Rystorf,
William Harrison,
Christoff Schneyd,
Christoffel fisch,
John Schermerhorn,
henry Westman, Junior,
Jacob Westman,
henry Lilmer,
John mores,
Isack mores,
John Weaver,
Tennis Ostrarder,
Johannes Klein,
Christofer wever,
peter Westfall, Jun.
Henry Griselbrigt,
Franses Hanbrich,
John Feltebner,
John Binder,
Zacharias Whiteman,
Joseph Hobart,
William Schultzs,
John Blair,
Thomas Greves,
Michal Shatzel,
Joseph Rogers,
Jacob J kip,
Benjamin Bogardus,
Hans Kierstead,
Isaac Kip,
Henry Beekman (by order),
Evert V Wagener,
Art. V Wagenen,
Philip Heermanse (by order),
Welhellomus Van Vredenburg,
Jacob Kip,
Benjamin V Steenburg,
Jacob A. Kip,
Joha[s] Tremper,
Henry Shop,
Peter Shopf,
Hendrick Moon,
Henrich Berrger,
Johannes Turck,
John White, Jun.
John Coates,
Harmon Duncan,
John Denness,
William Waldrom
Conelias Demond,
Solomon Van Bunscotn,
Benjamin Van Vredenburgh,
John Van Hovanburgh,
Peter Scoot,
Jonathan Scoot,
John Mitchell,

David Mulford,
Lemuel Mulford,
James Lewis,
Peter D' Witt,
John Pawling,
Albertus Sickner,
And[w] Rowan,
Martines Burger,
Johannes Scott,
Jacob Sickner, Jun. as pr. order,
Barent V Wagenen,
Jacob Sickner,
Peter Van Nauker,
Jeremiah Vanaken,
Jacob N Schriver,
Paul Gruber,
Solomon Powell,
Henry Bull,
George Bull,
William Powell, J[r]
Caspar Haberlen,
Thomas Umphrie, pr. order,
Abraham Scott,
William Traphagen, pr. order,
Alexander Campbell,
Abraham Kip,
Peter Brown, pr. order,
Jacob Schultz,
John Hufmen,
Henry Freligh, Jun.
R. V Hoevenborgh,
Peter Radcliff,
Symon Schoot, jun. pr order,
William Schoot, jun[r] pr order,
Johannes V Wagener, jun[r] pr order,
Jacob Lewis, had no objection,
Jacobus Kip,
William Skepmus,
Johann[s] P[p] Moor, p[r] order,
William Dillman,
Cornelius Miller,
Simon Milham,
Lawrence Milham,
Jacob Milham,
Simon Milham, Jun.
John Weever, Jun[r]
Benjamin Oosterhout,
Christopher Deninark,
Abraham Westfall,
John M[c]Fort,
William Carney,

Phillip Feller, Jun.
Nicholas Benestall,
Philip Benestele, Jun.
Christian Hennberger,
Johannis Bernner,
Jacob Bernner,
Jacob Folant,
John Rogers,
Nicholas Stickle,
Jacob Tell,
John Tater,
John Haas,
William V fradanburg,
Rulif J Kip,
Petrus V Vradanburgh, jr.
Henry Barger, Jun.
Ulrich Bates,
W^m Macclure,
Josua Chember,
Zach Weer,
Weitr Stickler, Jun.
John P. Cole,
Jacob Cole,
Elias Cole,
Christian Schryver,
Jacobus Ostrander, Jun.
John Bard, Jun^r.

Rhinebeck Precinct, Dutchess County. A Return of those Persons who have signed the association.

EGB.^T BENSON, Chairman of the Precinct Committee.

[Associations, 30: 170, 171, 172.]

The Following is the Names of those Persons that refused to sign the General Association in Beeekman's Precinct, Dutchess County, Viz,

Peter Buyce, Jun^r
Samuel Emory,
Rowland Emory,
Jacob Brill,
Jeremiah Haxstum,
Elius Palmer,
Benj^m Kenyon,
Nicholas Mosher,
Richard Cornell,
Peter Deyo,
James Pettet,
William Gifford, Jun^r
Capt. Yery Emigh,
Peter Simson,
Lowrance Emigh,
Sam^ll Whipple,
Isaac Veal,
Phillip Emigh,
Nicholas Emigh, son of Phillip,
Hendrick Emigh,
John Bull,
Hendrick Klyn,
John Dearstyne,
Abijah Cetcham,
Michel Shearman,
Amory Pine,
Nathan Hoag,
Peter Emigh,
Richardus Cornell,
Abraham Buyce,
Causper Overhiser,
William Gifford,
Roger Morey,
Arey Delong,
James Goslin,
Peter Rossell,
Jacob Hasner,
Mathias Valentine,
Richard Heliker,
William Harris,
Richard Tripp,
Richard Tripp, Jun^r
Israel Tripp,
James Noxon,
Bartholomew Noxon, Jun^r
Michil Woolf,
Smightin Tripp,
Peter Hogeboom,
Daniel Beadle,
John Wilkenson,
Christopher Moyer,
Myndert Valey,
Henry Gidley,
John McDonald,
Sam^ll Smith,
Martine Easterly,
Daniel Ferris,
James Burtice,
Nathan Hyatt,
Frederick Shapher,
Thomas Brundage,
Peter Levins, Sen^r
Will^m Bockers,
Baultis Vieley,
Bartholomew Wood,
Abraham Byce, Jun^r
Peter Chatterton,
Phillip Miller,
Lawrence Losee,
Israel Titus,
John Brown,
Robert Thorn,
Stephen Lockwood,
Peter Paley,
Jonathan Thorn,
Peter Dop,
Peter Johnson,
Johannis Miller,
Jeremiah Lenderbeck,
Phillip Flagler,
William Giles,
Daniel Way,
John Smith,
Garret Burtis,
Martine Overaker,
Cornberry Dayton
Myndert Cole,
Josiah Bull, Jun^r
Charles Thomas,
Gilbert Thorn,
John Akerly,
Cornelius Hegeman,
Jonathan Atherton,
Will^m Woolf,
Aaron Lasey,
Crapo Lake,
Francis Delon
John Burnit,
Stephen Dean,
Sam^ll Stringham,
Ichabod Bourman,
Sylvester Richmond,
James Titus,
Ephraim Horton,
Edward Addams,
Thomas Hutchings,
Robert Moon,
James Striker,
Ebenezer Worden,
Charles Vincint,
William Steeves,
Thomas Langdon,
Samuel Crandle,
Samuel Crandle, Jun^r
Peter Kedrey,
Oliver Waterman,

Jesse Thorn,	Jasper Fullmore,	Preserved Fish,
Jacob Ferguson,	Valentine Stover,	Andrew Skidmore,
Johannis Shear,	Richerd Vineent,	John Golder.
Charles Davis,		

Capt. Michael Vineent,
Lieut. Peter Boyee,
——— Joseph Losee,
Ensign Stephen Hunt,
} Tories all.

Capt. Joseph Harris,
Lieut. Hezekiah Collins,
Ensign Bornt Vieley,
Yorry Lossing.
} Tories all.

The names of those who Refuse to sine the association. [Indorsed Charlotte Preeinet.]

peter hatfield,	Jonathan Lapham,	John Watson,
Eliphaz fish,	Stephen hix,	Samuel Mosher,
Jabez finch,	Barnard hix,	Edward mosher,
Joseph husted,	hinry weeks,	Ichabod White,
Edwerd undrel,	samuel titus,	matthias Brogue,
Richard simmons,	Hendricks Biee,	Uriah Hall.
Daniel Sales,	Richard Bartlett,	

[Associations, &c., 30: 240.]

List of persons in Dutchess who have Refused Signing the Association, this 15th Augst 1775:

Of *Capt. Hegeman's Company.*

John Tarpanning,	Barrent A. Venkleek,	albert monfoort,
John Jost Snider,	William Baker,	Henry Pailen,
John Crandle,	Arean Terwilger,	Peter Burhans,
James medagh,	Jores middagh,	William Rogers.
Mihas Cock,	Daniel Cole,	

Of *Capt. Brinkerhoff's Company.*

Jno. Holsteed, Lieutenant,	Leve winter,	Jesey Baker, Jun^{r}.
Jacob Wright,	Joseph winter,	Johannis Storm,
Joseph morss,	Francis Kranchite,	Christophes winter,
Benjamin Snyder,	Jacob Kranchite,	Stephen Stolker,
Oliver peck,	William Goodfellow,	Benjamin Ellis,
William Cure,	Isaac wright,	Phillip mors,
Joseph Ferinton,	Benjamin Doty,	Joseph Halsted,
Joseph merritt,	Jonathan Lee,	Daniel Hasbroocks,
Johannis Devoe,	Benjamin Ogden,	Thomas Martin,
Joseph Smith,	David Roe,	Thomas Carman,
Joseph Robeson,	Joshua Odle,	John Miller, Lieut. of Cap. Lodinton,
Ebenezer Pettit,	Simeon Losee,	
Petes Boss,	Philip Koens,	Zebelon Gray,
Richard Yeats,	Thomas Baker,	Silus Brown.
Ezekle Main,		

Cap. Southard's Company.

gerret Nostrand,	Jacobus philps,	Gilbert Southard,
Johannis Voorhis,	Elias Van Voorhess,	Daniel Southard,
Abraham Philps,	Richard Southard,	Thomas poyer,
Henry philps, jun^{r}.	Richard Southard, Jun^{r}.	Robart Brogardus,
Peter philps,	Thomas Southard,	Ineras mills,

Robart mills,
Henry mills,
Samuel mills,
Joseph Green,
Francis R. Britt,
Jeremiah Cooper,
Jonas Halsted,
Phillip Shaaf,
Thomas Gibson,
Peter Brogardus.

Capt. John Bedle Company.

John Bedle, Capt.
John Schut, Lievt.
Francis Hasbroecks, Lievt.
George Van Nostrand, Ensign,
James F. Way,
Endrow J. Schouten,
Benjam P Geroex,
John Linabeck,
Jacobus Jn°. Schutt,
Enoch Purdy,
Joseph Burroughs,
John T. Langdon,
Joseph wood,
Joseph Cayrey,
Isaac Wood,
Oliver Larduex,
Thomas Craft,
Petir Dubois,
Nathaniel Luduex,
Johannis Swartwout,
Joseph win,
Gaberal Thomkins,
William Winn,
Joseph Laine,
Benjamin Lisk,
John Lisk,
Stephen Weekes,
Abraham maley,
mathew Cure,
Samuel Cure,
mathew Buis,
Nicholas Storm,
Peter Storm,
Gessom Bounds,
William Goslin,
abraham Nefuss,
George Nefuss,
Isaac gion,
John Wood,
Abraham Young,
John Aulgelt,
william Aulgelt,
Thomas Swartwout,
Marvin Rowland,
Thomas Wood,
Joseph Post,
Samuel Kichim,
Nathaniel Gildersleeve,
John Cary, Sen[r]
Abraham Vanhyning,
ambrows Lating,
abraham gertson,
abraham purdy,
John J. Wood,
John J. Schouten,
Charles Vinson,
Henry Schouten,
Marinus J. Van Vlaren,
Ruben gerroson,
John peck,
Lawrence Daily,
Abraham Travas,
John Cannef,
Sutton Bailey,
Isaac wasbourn,
John Carey, Jun[r]
Jeremiah Hitt,
Benjamin Hasbroocks,
John Sloot,
Ephram Schouten,
Henry Light,
Isaac Secore,
Simeon mabee,
Samuel Brown.

Mathias Lyster's Company.

Mathias Lyster, Capt.
andrew Herremans, Lievt.
Aurt Vanderbilt, Ensign,
John Cook,
John Thorn,
Andrew Burck,
Stephen Thorn,
Hendrick Van Vlack,
adrian manfort,
Peter Hoff,
andrews Herremans, Jun.
Hendrick Herremans,
John Herremans,
Stephen Bancker,
John Kinif,
Joshua Bisship,
Jacob Johannis Dubois,
Cornelius Nostrand,
abraham Hogeland,
Dirck Lyster,
John Chuchell, Carp[tr]
James Hicks,
Francis Brogardus,
albert manfoort,
Cornelius Lyster,
Stephen Duryee,
abraham Lent,
gedian Tiebout,
Johannis Dubois,
John Huff,
John Cornell,
Gerret Lyster,
Abraham Duryee,
Cornelius Van Sickler,
Samuel Linington,
James morgan,
Thomas Van braer,
Joseph Theale,
John Huson,
undrel Strong,
Gilbert Strong,
Gilbert Barnes,
Walter Huson,
John Buckout,
John Sis,
John Habourn,
Peter Van Cramer,
will Hallamus Herramas,
John Manfoort,
Timothy Sornes.

Capt. Horton's Company.

John Brevoot,
John Van Vlaeron,
Adam Aulgelt,
Joseph Brush,
John Snadiker,
John Weeb,
Edward Hougen,
Isaac Lent,
Garraudus Vermilyer,
David Vermilyer,
Charles M[c]Crade,
Paule Hoff,
Jacob Louis,
John Wiltsee,
peter Delong,

Joshua Duly, william Juill, John Wilddey,
Peter Depuie, John Clapp, Jacob Jewill,
Benjamin Clapp, abraham Depue, abraham Huff.
Thomas Clapp,

Capt. Griffin's Company.

Caleb Bisship, Henry Vantessell, Jun[r] Solomon Woods,
mathew Obriant, Philp miller, Andrews T. Schouten,
Benjamin Thurston, Joshua purdy, Benjamin Bloom,
John Churchell, James ward, Peter Dubois,
Thomas Griffin, Joseph anderson, Adrian Couanhouver,
Daniel Ward, Henry C. Philps, Joseph Thurston,
George Nostrand, John Jay, Philip Verplanck,
Henry underwood, Benjamin Ackely, Jacob ward.

the Remainder Capt. Southard's Company.

Thomas Sprage, John Covert, Leviah Adames,
Jacob Ridere, Benjamin munger, Thomas Miller.
Jeremiah Green,

[Associations, &c., 30: 273.]

[Goshen], May 11, 1775.

James Smith, Jeremiah S. Conkling, David Shepard,
John Denton, Jeremiah Smith, Jun. Thomas Wood,
Solomon Carpenter, Joseph Allison, Nathan Arnout,
John Carvey, Michael Allison, Benjamin Carpenter,
Cornelius Vanosdale, Rich[d] Sheridan, John Tomson,
Samuel Jones, James Allison, William Little,
Peter Gale, Amus Smith, Henry Sams,
Israel Wells, Jonathan owen, Thomas Gale,
Michael Carpenter, Matthias Carvey, Caleb Smith,
Stephen Meeker, John Carvey, Samuel Knap,
Daniel Carpenter, Joshua Wells, Charles Well,
Samuel Webb, William Carpenter, Stephen Smith,
Joseph Smith, Caspur Writes, Rulif Van Brunt,
Samuel Carpenter, Josiah Seely, Henry Wells,
John Owen, francis M'gaugey, Samuel Chandler,
Thomas McCain, Wright Smith, Isaac Owen,
Peter Arnourt, Jonas Wood, Peter Arnout,
Benjamin Duning, Caleb goldsmith, Samuel Sawyer,
Samuel Smith, David Linch, John Conner,
James Bell, Caleb Smith, Matthew Howell,
William cimber, obidier Smith, Matthew howel junior,
Jacob Duning, Benjamin Gale, Jeremiah Oakly.

ASSOCIATION.

[Associations, &c., 30: 124.

Persuaded that the salvation of the Rights and Liberties of America, depends under God, on the firm union of its inhabitants, in a vigorous prosecution of the measures necesaary for its safety, and convinced of the necessity of preventing the anarchy and confusion which attend a dissolution of the powers of Government, We the Deputies of the different Counties of the Colony of New York in Provincial Congress convened being greatly alarmed at the avowed design of the Ministry, to raise a revenue in America, and shocked by the bloody scene now acting in the Massachusetts-Bay, DO in the most solemn manner resolve never to

become Slaves, and do associate under all the ties of Religion, Honour and Love to our Country, to adopt and endeavour to carry into execution whatever measures may be recommended by the Continental Congress or resolved upon by this Provincial Congress for the purpose of preserving our Constitution, and opposing the execution of the several arbitrary and oppressive acts of the British Parliament, until a reconciliation between Great Britain and America, on constitutional principles, which we most ardently desire, can be obtained; and that we will in all things, follow the advice of our respective Committees, respecting the purposes aforesaid, the preservation of Peace, and good order, and the safety of individuals and private Property.

P. V B Livingston, *President*,
Volkert P. Douw, *Vice president*.

Provincial Congress,
New York, May 26th 1775.

Abm Yates, Junr
Nathll Woodhull,
Peter Clowes,
Hen Williams,
James Clinton,
Robt Vs Rensselaer,
John Nicolson,
Jeremias Remsen,
Abm Ten Broeck,
Chrisn Tappen,
John Foster,
Richd Montgomery,
Jacob Hoornbeek,
Zepha Platt,
Selah Strong,
Egbert Dumond,
Thomas Wickham,
David Clarkson,
Leonard Lispenard,
Joseph Robinson,
Nathll Sackett,
Anthy Hoffman,
John Haring,
Jonth Landon,
Nathaniel Tom,
Ab. Brasher,
Richd Thorne,
Jonn Lawrence,
Ab. Lent,
Melancton Smith,
James Beekman,
Walter Livingston,
Dirck Swart,
Robert Yates,
Gilbert Livingston,
Lewis Graham,
John Thomas, Junr
David Pye,
David Dayton,
Joseph Drake,
Robt Graham,
Jacob Cuyler,
Henry Glen,
Francis Nicoll,
John Williams,
William Marsh,
Theods Polhemus,
John Van Derbilt,
Wm Allison,
Thomas Tredwell,
Isaac Roosevelt,
Richard Conner,
John Journeay,
Saml Townsend,
Aaron Cortelyou,
Zebn Williams,
Jacobus Van Zandt,
Alexr McDougall,
Richd Yates,
Jacob Blackwell,
Gouvr Morris,
Saml Verplanck,
Benjn Kissam,
Philip Cortlandt,
Jno Morin Scott,
James V Cortlandt,
Gysbert Schenck,
Ephraim Paine,
James Holmes,
Johannes Hardenbergh,
P. Silvester,
Dirck Brinkerhoff,
Nichs Conwenhoven,
John Leffers,
Johannis E. Lott,
William Paulding,
Richard Lawrence,
Benjn Tusten,
Jerh Clark,
Ezra L 'Hommedieu,
Isaac Sears,
Thos Smith,
Joseph Hallett,
Stephen Ward,
John Coe,
John Martin,
John Sloss Hobart,
John De Lancey,
Isaac Low,
John V. Cortlandt,
Christ P. Yates,
John Marlatt,
Wm Williams,
John Hazeltine,
Paul Spooner,
Paul Micheau,
Michl Jackson,
Joseph French.

[Associations, 30: 267.]

Fishkills, Augst 23d 1775.

Sir, Inclosed is the Return of Persons who have Signed the association, and of those who have Refused, in the latter you'l find many Erasures, occasioned by their Signing afterwards, this affair has been delayed thus long on account of persuing lenient measures.

I am by order of the Committee your Most Hble Servt
DIRCK G. BRINCKERHOFF,
Chairman.

Peter Van Brugh Livingston, Esq.

[Military Committee, 25: 37, 41.]

Mrs. Moorhead to Mr. Campbell.

TEABYTOWN, Parish of Tamlaugh, May 14, 1775.

FRIEND SAMUEL CAMPBELL: I got a few lines from this year which fild me with joy, and you make inquiry to find if I Margery Moorehead am yet a live; which I am yet on the Land of the Living, and according to your Requeast, I give a ful proof of my being yet alive, as I have sent a ful power of an attorny to M^r^ Robert Galt, Merchant in York as impowering him to bee my Lawful attorny to sue and recover the sum Bequeath^d^ to mee, on which Recovery the money is payable to mee By Jno & Charl^s^ Galt merchant in Colerain which pay it on sight, to us at hand; I desire to be remembered to your father, Henry Campbeel and his wife, and I was in your Uncles Betwixt the two halladays and he is well, W^m^ Black and D^r^ Samuel as I served your father honestly 4 years after my father went to America, I have so much hope in you, that you will Do mee Justice now as I am at a great Distance and you there on the spot, and I am at a great loss, I think now as all the Old stock is gone he could vouch for mee such as Uncle James and Samuel he could Certify for mee and my husband has not been able to work a days work this 12 years, and I have four children living Two Sons and Two Daughters: I am friend Samuel with Due Cincerity and al respects, your humble Servant,

MARGARY TURNER *als* MOOREHEAD.

Power of Attorney.

Know all^s^ men by these presents, that I Margery Turner otherwise Moorhead of the County of Londonderry in the Kingdom of Ireland, daughter of John Moorehead late of the Province of New England, in America deceased have made ordained Constituted and Appointed; And by these presents do make ordain Constitute and appoint Samuel Campble of New-Hampshire in the Province of New England, afores^d^ my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name but for my use and benefit to ask demand, Sue for, recover and receive, of and from the Executors of the s^d^ John Moorhead, All such sum, and sums of Money Goods or Chattels as were given or bequeathed unto me by the last Will and testament of the s^d^ John Moorhead, And upon receipt thereof to give to such release and discharge for the same as shall be sufficient; Ratifying and allowing all and Whatever my s^d^ Attorney shall lawfully do in the premises By Virtue of these presents. And it is my Will & pleasure that whatever sum or sums of Money my s^d^ Attorney shall receive for me that he do remit the same to M^r^ Robert Galt Merchant in New York whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for the same. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the 13^th^ day of May 1775

MARGERY her x mark. TURNER.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of William his x mark Gammon, Anne her x mark McKillip

Town of Coleraine & County of Londonderry. } The within named William Gammon and Anne McKillip came this day before me me Richard Lloyd Esq^r^ Mayor of Coleraine and severally made Oath that they saw the Within named Margery Turner duly seal and execute the within Warrant of Attorney, And that those deponents are subscribing Witnesses thereto; And also that they those deponents deposeth that they Know the s^d^ Margery Turner, to be the reputed and lawful daughter of the s^d^ Within named John Moorhead, whom they also know; he went from this Kingdom in order to go to America.

Sworn before me this 13^th^ day of May 1775 in the Town of Colerain. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed the Seal of Office of Mayoralty.

Committee of New York to the Continental Congress.

[Petitions, 31 : 166.]

Gentlemen The agitation of this Town respecting M^r^ Rivington as a printer has given this Committee much Concern, Some of the warm Friends of Liberty Seem not to be fully Satisfied that his former Offences as they were against the whole Continent are within our authority and we are concerned that nothing less than a Determination of the General Congress will give full Satisfaction on that Head, much less Securing him in his Person & Property, we have therefore Resolved to refer his Case to your respectable Body & would beg leave Strongly to urge it as a Subject of their Consideration. We have adopted temporary Expedients; but as they are merely Temporary in Effect as far as Concerns him, we beg the Direction of that Body whose Determinations we doubt not will be a Law of the Continent. His Transgressions are known to your whole Body. He has Subscribed our Association, and we know not that he has Since his Subscription done any thing contrary to its true intent and meaning. — Those Expedients we have gone into to preserve present Peace & good Order will appear from the inclosed. We pray the Directions of the Congress on this Matter and are &^c^ —

James Rivington to the Continental Congress.

[Petitions, 31 : 214.]

Whereas the Subscriber by the Freedom of his publications during the present unhappy disputes between Great Britain and her Colonies, has brought upon himself much public displeasure and resentment in consequence of which his life has been endangered, his property invaded and a regard to his personal safety requires him still to be absent from his family and business; and whereas it has been ordered by the Committee of Correspondence for the City of New York, that a report of the State of his case should be made to the Continental Congress, that the manner of his future treatment may be submitted to their directions he thinks himself happy in having at last for his judges Gentlemen of eminent rank and distinction in the Colonies, from whose enlarged and liberal Sentiments he flatters himself that he can receive no other than an equitable Sentence, unbiased by popular clamour and resentments.

He Humbly presumes that the very respectable Gentlemen of the Congress, now sitting at Philadelphia, will permit him to declare and as a man of honour and veracity he can, and does solemnly declare, that, however wrong and mistaken he may have been in his opinions, he has alway meant honestly and openly to do his duty as a servant of the public. Accordingly his conduct as a printer has always been Conformable to the ideas which he entertained of English Liberty warranted by the practice of all printers in Great Britain and Ireland for a Century past under every administration, authorized as he conceives by the Laws of England, and countenanced by the declarations of the late Congress.

He declares that his press has always been open and free to all parties, and for the truth of this fact appeals to his publications, among which are to be reckoned all the pamphlets and many of the last pieces that have been written in this and the neighboring Colonies. However having found that the inhabitants of the Colonies were not satisfied with this plan of conduct, a few week ago he published in his paper a short apology, in which he assured the public that he would be cautious for the future of giving any further offence. To this declaration he resolved to adhere, and he cannot but hope for the patronage of the public so long as his conduct shall be found to correspond with it.

It is his wish and ambition to be a useful member of society; Although an Englishman by birth, he is an American by choice, and he is desirous of devoting his life in the business of his profession, to the service of the Country he has adopted for his own.

He lately employed no less than Sixteen workmen at near one thousand pounds annually, and his consumption of printing paper, the manufacture of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut and the Massachusetts bay has amounted nearly to that sum. His extensive foreign correspondence, his large acquaintance in Europe and America, and the manner of his education are circumstances which he conceives, have not improperly qualified him for the station in which he wishes to continue, and in which he will exert every endeavour to be usefull.

He therefore submits his case to the consideration of the Honorable Gentlemen now Assembled in the Continental Congress, and begs that their determination may be such as will secure him, especially as it is the only thing that can effectually secure him in the safety of his person, the enjoyment of his property and the uninterrupted prosecution of his business.

May 20, 1775. JAMES RIVINGTON.

Election of Delegate to the Provincial Congress from Kings County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 117, 129.]

Brooklyn in Kings county, within Nassaue Island and province of New York this 20th day of May 1775.

At a general town Meeting regularly warned the Majestrates and Freeholders meet and voted Jeremiah Remsen Esq. into the Chair and Leffert Lefferts Esq. Clark.

Taking into our serious consideration the expediency and propriety of concurring with the Freeholders and Freemen of the city and county of New York, and the other counties, townships and precincts within this Province. For holding, continuing and maintaining a Provincial Congress of Deputies chosen out of the whole Province, to advise, consult, consider, watch over, protect and defend, (at this very alarming crisis) all our civil and religious rights Liberties and Privileges according to their collective prudence.

After duly weighing and considering the unjust plunder, and inhuman carnage committed on the Property and Persons of our Brethren in the Massachusetts; who with the other New England Colonies, are now deemed (by the Mother country) to be in a State of actual Rebellion by which declaration, England hath put it beyond their own power to treate with New England, or to propose or receive any terms of reconciliation untill those Colonies will submitt as, or will become a Conquered Country; The first effort to effect which was by military and naval force; the next attempt is to bring a *famine* (a dreadful engine of war) amongst them, by depriving them of both their natural and acquired Right of Fishing, natural by their situation, acquired by their Joint Exertions to acquire the Sovereignty of those Fisheries.

Further contemplating the very unhappy situation to which the powers at Home, by oppressive methods, have driven all the other protestant provinces (in which we are included) we have all evils in their power to fear as they have already declared all the provinces aiders and abetters of Rebellion, it remains only with the infallibility and omnipotency of Parliament to determine how the Crown of England can propose too, or accept of any conditions of accommodations from any of these protestant provinces Therefore

Resolved First That *Henry Williams* and *Jeremiah Remsen* Esqrs be now elected and chosen, and Deputed by us, and in our behalf Deputies for this township, to meet and associate with all the Deputies of the Cities, Counties, Townships and precincts within this province of New York in a Provincial Convention intended to be holden in the city of New York on Monday next, the twenty-second day of this present instant, May, and so to continue to meet from time to time, and at all times according to the adjournments the said provincial convention; and then and their, to consider, consult, agree, determine, act and do all prudential and necessary business accordingly.

Secondly, *Resolved*, That we confiding in the wisdom and equity of said conven-

tion collectively Do consent agree, and conclude, to observe, abide by, and fulfil all necessary and warrantable acts, associations orders, and directions as the said provincial Congress shall in their Prudence require, direct, & enjoin.

Signed by Order of the Town Meeting

LEFFERT LEFFERTS, *Clark.*

Kings County.

At a meeting held this 23d day of May, of the several Deputies of the several townships in Kings County, for the purpose of electing delegates to Represent the County of Kings in Provincial Congress now held in the City of New York agreeable to said meeting they have, and hereby do appoint *Richard Stilwell*, *Theodorus Polhemus*, *John Lefferts*, *Nicholas Couwenhoven*, *Johannis E. Lott*, *John Van Der Bilt*, *Henry Williams*, and *Jeremiah Remsen* Esqrs. delegates or any three of them to Represent, and fully to act in behalf of the beforementioned county in Provincial Congress before named Now held in the city of New York

Flatbush May 22d 1775. ABRAHAM E. LOTT, *Secy*

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from Queens County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 121.]

At a meeting of a number of the Freeholders of Queens County, at Jamaica in Queens County on the Twenty-Second day of May instant, pursuant to Public notice thereof given, I certify that the following Persons, to wit, Coll *Jacob Blackwell*, *Jonathan Lawrence*, *David Rapelye*, Esqr. *Zebulon Williams* Esqr. *Samuel Townsend*, Esqr. *Joseph French* Esq. *Joseph Robinson*, *Nathaniel Tom*, *Thomas Hicks*, Esqr. and Capt *Richard Thorne*, were unanimously Chosen and Elected Deputies for the said County to meet in Provincial Congress with the Deputies from the other counties within this Province.

Given under my hand this Twenty-Second day of May 1775.

DANL KISSAM,
Chairman of Sd Meeting.

Committee of Mamaeatting to the Provincial Congress Convened.

[Petitions, 31: 212.]

Ulster County May the 13th 1775 the Inhabitants of the Precinct of Mameeotting met together and chose a Comittee Likewise they all signed the association and are Determined to stand by the same, and whereas we were Destitute of Militia Officers hitherto the following Officers were chosen Viz, Jacob Rutsen Dewitt Capt, Abraham Cuddeback Junr first Lieut, Robert Cooke second Lieut, Samuel King Insign we the Commitee do think it Proper to send you the account of our Proceedings, although Benjm Depuy Esqr of our Precinct Joyned the County Commitee Yet it was before we were formed into a Commitee, Whereas We are a frontier Company if an Indian War Should happen to break out Dificulties may arise by the Officers Lacking Authority We therefore Petition the gentlemen of the Congress that the nominated Officers may be authorised to act as in Commission, and Whereas there are several Poor men in our Precinct who are able and willing to Fight for their Rights and Liberty and not Capable of Providing themselves either With arms or amunition, We Therefore further Petition that You Gentlemen will take it into Consideration and Provide for such Poor People and You Will oblige Your Humble Petitioners.

May 25, 1775. By order of the Committee,

JOHN YOUNG, Chairman.

Petition of Captain Samuel Tuder.

[Petitions, 31: 220.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of New York:

The Petition of Samuel Tuder, Captain, and the other officers of the Independent Company of Artillery, in the City of New York. Humbly sheweth—

That they have made considerable progress, in forming, training and exercising the said Company; and flatter themselves, that, if properly supply'd, they may, at this critical period, prove of signal service to the Province.

There are no carriages for even such Cannon as they have pitched on to use until brass Field Pieces be provided.

Quite destitute of Ammunition, and the necessary Apparatus, they cannot exert themselves with that effect for the defence of the Colony, which they are emulous of contributing to.

They, therefore, pray you will take the matter into consideration, and grant such relief in the premises, as in your wisdom shall seem fit.

In behalf of the Independent Company of Artillery. SAM[L] TUDER

New York, May 26th, 1775.

Provincial Congress to Christopher Yates.

[Mil. Com., 25: 103.]

In Provincial Congress, New York, the 31st May 1775.

Sir, You will receive enclosed the association and Resolution of this Congress upon the subject matter of it together with a letter from this assembly pointing out the reasons that they hope will induce the inhabitants of your County to Sign it as well as all other persons in this province.

You see the mode prescribed and that the Congress would not have any idea of force held up to compel people to Sign it. By this time we presume you have formed Committees in your County; and as the Congress have it much at heart that there should be a full representation in this Board of every County in the Colony, We therefore expect and recommend it that you appoint Deputies without delay to attend and act in conjunction with us. We are Sir

Your Most Humble Servants.

To Christopher Yates, Esq. & Major Yellis Fonda. Tryon County.

(Separate Letters)

A Similar Letter to Col[o] James Rogers, at Kent in Cumberland County.

A Similar Letter to Jacob Bailey Esq[r] at Newbury Gloucester County, and Col[o] Peters, at Moortown, Do.

Petition of John Sparding.

[Petitions, 31: 196.]

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Provincial Congress now assembled at New York.

The Memorial of John Sparding Living at Ticonderoga Landing The North End of Lake George June 1st 1775 Humbly Sheweth,

That your memoralist has for upwards of Six Years Past, been at at a Great Expense in Providing Boats and Carriages for the ease and Convenience of Persons Traveling This way with their Baggage and Effects over the Lake and Carrying Place at an Easy Rate, Likewise In Providing Battoes on Lake Champlain for the Conveniency Of Gentlemen and Others, Traveling to Canada, the unhappy Differences now subsisting between the Colonies and the Mother Country, having put

an Intire stop to any Business Your Memorialist was formerly Engaged in, Your Memorialist has ever since the Tenth day of May, the Day on which The Fort at Ticonderoga was taken assisted with his Boats Men &c in Transporting the Troops With their Baggage and Provisions, over Lake George and the Carrying Place upon no other security than a Verbal agreement with Colonel Arnold, for Twenty shillings Currency per day: For a Pettyaugre Capable of Crossing the Lake with Seventy men Besides a Quantity of Provisions and a Battoe for Carrying Expresses, and when there was not a sufficient Loading for the Pettyaugre to have the Privilege of Conveying such Private Property as might Offer Of which Your Memorialist is at Present Deprived, Your Memorialist having Likewise Carted the Greatest Part of the Baggage and Provisions over the Carrying Place; The whole amount of which to this day near Seventeen Pounds and as the Gentlemen Appointed here, have this day Intimated to your Memorialist that his teams are not To be any more Imployed they having Brought Teams over the Lake For said Service, Your Memorialist therefore trusting in Known Justice and Humanity of the Gentlemen in New York, Who Scorn to Let any Individual Suffer which must Inevitably be the Case of Your Memorialist unless Your Goodness Prevents it, by Confirming the Agreement made By Col. Arnold. Your Memorialist therefore humbly hopes as he has done his Utmost Endeavours for the Good of the Common Cause, and is Disabled at present from Providing For his Family, You will Take the same into Consideration And Your Memorialist Shall Ever Pray.

J. SPARDING.

Messrs. Murray to Mr. P. V. B. Livingston.

[Petitions, 31: 210.]

Sir: Herewith you have a memorial to the Congress now Assembled together, with a Copy of the Papers Laid before the Continental Congress. We should take it as a favor if you would lay the whole before the Gentlemen as soon as possible. Your Compliance will much oblige

Your Hble servt[s]

ROB[T] & JOHN MURRAY.

New York 2[d] June 1775.

Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esq[r] President of the Congress.

Memorial of Robert Murray & John Murray to the Honble the Provincial Congress of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 59.]

Gentlemen: The annexed papers are Copies of what we laid before the Honble. Continental Congress in consideration of which they came to the following Resolutions.

In Congress May 27[th], 1775.

Upon motion "The Memorial of Robert Murray & John Murray desiring to be "restored to their former Situation with respect to their Commercial Priviledges," was taken into consideration and after some time spent thereon, *Resolved*, That where any Person hath been or shall be adjudged by a Committee to have violated the Continental Association, and such offender shall satisfie the Convention of the Colony where the offence was or shall be committed or the Committte of the Parish of S[t] John's in the Colony of Georgia if the offence be committed there, of his Contrition for his offence, and sincere Resolution to conform to the Association for the future the said Convention or Committee of the Parish of St John's aforesaid, may settle the Terms upon which he may be restored to the favor and forgiveness of the Public and that the Terms be published. A true Copy from the minutes.

CHARLES THOMPSON Secretary.

From the foregoing it appears that to procure Restoration to Public favor, we have no Tribunal but yours to appeal to The annexed papers exhibit a full State of our Case which we humbly Submit to your Consideration, not doubting but that in your Wisdom you will afford us such Relief as will be consistent with Humanity and the public good.

June 2nd 1775.

ROBERT MURRAY,
JOHN MURRAY.

To the Honble the Continental Congress now Sitting at Philadelphia.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 63.]

The Memorial of Robert Murray and John Murray of the City of New York Merchants Humbly Sheweth

That the Memorialists being owners of the Ship Dutchess of Gordon and expecting She would be in London by the time their orders could arrive there did, on the 7th of September last by a letter to Philip Sansom direct him to put certain Articles on Board the said Ship on account of the Memorialists together with what Freight he could procure for her, and to dispatch her immediately for New York, as may appear by an Extract of the Letter hereunto annexed marked N° 1.

That the Memorialists so far from Entertaining any Design to Counteract the measures recommended by the late Continental Congress did as soon as they were informed thereof, Countermand the abovementioned orders except as to such goods, as might in Consequence thereof have actually become the Property of the Memorialists and their Partner the said Philip Sansom for the truth of which they beg leave to Refer to the annexed Extract of a letterto the said Philip Sansom Dated the 5th of October 1774 mark'd N° 2.

That in pursuance of the above Directions there were Shipped on Board the Beulah (a Vessel belonging to Memorialists) at London Sundry Goods on account of the Memorialists and their Partner with which Goods the said vessel Sail'd for New York on the 5th or 6th Day of December last and arrived there the 16th or 17th Day of February following.

That on the arrival of the said Vessel and Cargo which happened after the time limited by the Congress for the continuance of our Importation, the Memorialists having no Intention to Land their goods contrary to the Terms of the Association would have cheerfully submitted to what they conceived to be the Spirit and Design thereof and were therefore willing and did offer to unload their Cargo and Ship it in another Bottom under the Inspection of some of the Committee here and to send it to some place not within the Restriction imposed by the Congress and the Memorialist beg Leave to Refer to the annexed Copy of their Letter sent to the Committee upon this Subject marked No 3 containing more at large their proposal and the Reasons on which it was founded.

The Memorialists beg leave further to observe that they did really believe their Construction of this part of the Association was consistent with the Spirit and Design thereof and had the Committee here been of that opinion such a Mode of Compliance would have greatly alleviated the Loss of the Memorialists as they might in that Case have Shipped their Cargo away in a small vessel instead of sending it in a vessel not above 1-3 full.

That reduced as they thought to an unnecessary hardship & chagrined with the Disappointment The Memorialists rashly formed the Design of secretly Landing some small part of the Cargo and were so imprudent as to carry the same into Execution. That before a discovery was made thereof and at a time when the Memorialists had great reasons to suppose the place where the Goods were deposited would not be discovered to wit the 13th March last they made a Declaration of the Fact and offered to give the Committee a full account of the particulars on Oath which they accordingly did on the 15th of the same Month, when all the Goods Landed had been delivered up to the Committee of Elizabeth Town and the Dispo-

sition thereof submitted entirely to the Directions of the Committee, at New York all which particulars will more fully appear from Holt's New York Journal of the 23rd March hereunto also annexed to which the Memorialists refer.

The Memorialists having proceeded thus far and manifested their Intention to satisfie the public in any reasonable way that could be expected as well as to Express their Contrition for the hasty and imprudent measure they had taken, and to prevent their future Commercial Intercourse with others from becoming the means of other Infractions of the Association. The Memorialists did Shut up their Store, discontinue all Trade, Shut up their own Goods under the Seals of certain Persons here Transferred their Commission Business to others and gave up their Wharfs as free for the use of the Navigation of the City untill they should be relieved in the premises by the Interposition of the Congress, as Vouchers of these Facts the Memorialists refer to the annexed printed publications marked N° 5 & N° 6.

The foregoing is a true State of the Facts relative to this unhappy affair in which the Memorialists are involved and as their Commercial Concerns were large and extensive at least amounting to £50,000 per annum this total dereliction of Business has become an immense Loss to them and if unrelieved cannot but terminate in their Ruin. That Mr Philip Sansom their Partner who has been distinguished for his warm attachment to American Liberty tho not concern'd in the indiscreet Step taken by the Memorialists is yet involved in all its fatal Consequences That besids the weight of Distress and Sufferings to which the Memorialists themselves have been exposed not only from their great Losses but the Resentment of an incensed People their present Scituation must be attended with a train of Evils to the Innocent who are connected with them in Business. Their Creditors must suffer Those who depend on their large Commercial Business for Bread are turned out of Employ and the Public deprived of the advantages which necessarily flow from a continuance of their Trade and Commerce. That the Memorialists presume the American Congress from the great and important ends of their Convention will move only on Public principles and therefore think it improper to address their tender and benevolent feelings not doubting but every generous and humane sentiment towards the Memorialists which is consistent with the public good will have their due influence in a determination of this Subject in which the Memorialists are so deeply interested. Permit them then to hope that this August and respectable Body, from a consideration of the Conduct of the Memorialists in this affair from their most earnest endeavours to atone in some measure for their indiscretion from the great and Complicated Distress they have already sustained, from the Circumstance that the Innocent are deeply involved in their sufferings, and that a continuation of their sufferings can only perpetuate their Calamities without advancing the important Ends of public Safety, will in their Wisdom reinstate the Memorialists in their Scituation with respect to their Commercial Priviledges.

ROBERT MURRAY,
JOHN MURRAY.

No. 1.—*Extract of a Letter to Philip Sansom.*

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 69, 71.]

Dated New York, 7th September, 1774.

As we expect the Duchess will be with you by the time this reaches thy Hands we have thought it most prudent to order out some Bulky Articles such as we apprehend will pay a good freight In consequence of which we have now Inclosed the a List of such Articles as we would have the send out in her immediately; with what Freight offers.

No. 2.—*Extract of a Letter to Philip Sansom.*

Dated 5th October, 1774.

The foregoing is a Copy of our last per the Thetis to the contents of which refer you She sailed the 2d Current Since which we find it to be the Sence of the Congress that all orders that are gone may be suspended or Countermanded in conse-

quence of which we desire that all our Orders sent may be Countermanded except such as are already become our Property Those we would have you Ship immediately by the first Vessell for this Port giving the preference to one of our own if there.

No. 3.

Gentlemen:

We being sole owners of the Ship Beulah from London do propose (with your approbation) that the Ship be regularly entered at the Custom House, In which case we pledge to you, our word and honour that no part of the Goods shall be Landed in this Province but the same shall be forthwith reshipped and sent off in some other Bottom If it shall be thought more satisfactory we consent that any Number of your Body be on Board the Ship while here to see that the above engagement is strictly observed This proposition we think must appear reasonable as being not inconsistent with the Resolution of the Congress and therefore we are lead to hope it will meet not only with your approbation but that of the inhabitants of this City in general The Congress having been silent as to what Bottom the Goods shall be returned in probably meant to expose the Owners of the Ship and Cargo to as little Inconvenience as possible by leaving that Matter to there Discretion which from the Terms in which their Resolve is Expressed seems evidently to be the Case their Words are — If any Goods Wares or Merchandizes shall be Imported after the first Day of February the same ought forthwith to be sent back again without breaking any of the Packages thereof—This we conceive manifestly declares that the Goods (which are the object of this Resolve) are to be Imported after the first Day of February but as there cannot be a Legal Importation without an Entry at the Custom House it follows that such Entry is presupposed and implied in their Resolutions and the more especially as they direct that the Packages shall be sent back unopened for as opening the Packages without an Entry would make the Ship Liable to a Seizure The Congress could hardly have thought such rash condnct in the Owners to be probable and therefore from this prohibitory Clause they must have considered the Goods as in a Scitnation in which the Packages might be Lawfully opened which plainly includes the Idea of a previous entry at the Custom House — By permitting therefore such Entry under the Guards proposed We think that not only the Letter but the Spirit and Intention of the Resolutions of the Congress will be fully compli'd with.

It has and probably may again be insisted on against this Construction of the Resolve that the first Article of the Association prohibits the Importation of goods from Great Britain &c. after the first Day of December and therefore that it must be absurd to suppose that the Congress could intend an Importation after the first day of February in the sense we contend for as it would imply a Contradiction — Whatever force there may appear to be in this Argument at first View it is entirely taken off by the Explanatory Clause in the Tenth Article which declares that in Case any Merchant Trader or other Persons shall Import Goods after the 1st Day of December and before the first Day of February the same ought forthwith at the Election of the Owners to be ither Reshipped or delivered up to the Committee of the County &c. That an Importation in the proper and Legal Sense of the Word is here meant cannot admit of a Doubt since neither of the Alternatives imposed on the Owner of Reshipping or delivering the Goods to the Committee can possibly take place without an actual unloading of the Cargo for which purpose an Entry was absolutely necessary and therefore must have been intended by the Congress As to the objection that proper Evidences cannot be given to the Neighbouring Colonies that the Goods are sent back unless they go in the same Bottom We think it must be effectually removed by having the Matter Transacted under the Inspection of some of the Committee in the way we propose Besides we cannot help observing that the Grand Object of the Congress seems to have been the sending the Goods back and as it must be immaterial in what Vessel they are carried this may well account for their Leaving that Circumstance to the Discretion of the owner — And as we are disposed to comply not only with the Express Words of the Congress but likewise with the very Spirit thereof— We shall therefore think ourselves ill used

if we are obliged to carry the goods back in the same Bottom which will be laying a very heavy Burthen on that we and many more believe was not intended by the Congress We have no objection to your publishing this Letter as we are free the Public should have an opportunity of Judging thereof— We may further inform you that the proprietors of the Goods are quite free that they be Reshipped in the manner here proposed.

February 20th 1775.

MURRAY, SANSOM & CO.,
Wm M. BUSSELL.

Pardon of Messrs. Murray.

[Petitions, 31: 218.]

The Memorial of Robert and John Murray on the subject of their Breach of the Association of the Late Continental Congress, and the several papers annexed to it, whereby they Pray to be Restored to their former Commercial Privileges being read (on a Reference thereof to us by the Continental Congress) and it appearing that they the said Robert and John Murray have published a printed hand Bill expressing their Contrition for their said offence and their Resolution for the future strictly to adhere to the said Association and to the further orders of the Continental Congress, the Provincial Congress of this Colony and the General Committee of Association for this City and County, with a saving for the said Robert (who is one of the People called Quakers) as to his Religious Principles and they having voluntarily paid the expence that accrued for Boat hire and otherwise in the attendance of the Committee of observation for the purpose of preventing any goods from being Landed from on board the Ship Beulah, and they having also by Letter under their hands requested the Committee of Elizabeth Town in New Jersey to keep in their Custody at the costs and risque of them the said Robert and John Murray, the several Goods by them Landed from on board the said Ship Contrary to the said Association until two Vessels shall arrive from London with Goods in to this Colony, after a general importation from Great Britain to the Colonies shall take place

Resolved, therefore That the said Robert and John Murray shall be and they are hereby fully Restored to their Commercial privileges and declared to be entitled to the forgiveness of the Public.

Order to Mr. Dally.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 93.]

You are Desiered By the General Committee of the Association for the City & County of New York To Proceed With all Convenient Speed with the Carpenters here named

Daniel Lawrence	Baent Christopher
James Sharp	Isaace Dodge
Thomas Hunt	Jn° German

To Albany and there to Apply to the Committee for what Assistance you may want In Forwarding you to Lake George Where you are to Build Scows and what other Crafts May there Be wanting and when you have Completed all that is to be Built or Repared there, you are to Return Directly To New York and you are to have the Following Stipulated Wages from the Day you Sett of To the Day you Return to New York Except you are detained By your own Neglect By the Way John Daly foreman 12s per Day and found Every Thing Except Liquor—all the rest of the above Named Carpenters to have nine Shilling & Sixpence per Day & Every thing found Except Liquor.

An Account of Powder sent to the Continental Camp &c. by Alexander McDougall.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 95]

1775 June 13.	Sent by Marinus Willett to Greenich in Connecticut 18 bbls for which the Chairman of that Com^ee has given a receipt for	lb 655
23.	Sent by do. to Norwalk 40 Cask for the Chairman of that Com^ee has given a receipt for	lb 1000
24.	Delivered Abraham Yates Esq to be sent to Albany for Public use 2¼ cask	lb 300
		1955 lb

The above procured as follows

From Jersey			455
Purchased of	Cap^t Murray		100
do	Wodard & Kip		100
do	of M^r Bay	400	
do	of Nixon	850	1300
			1955

Proceedings at an election of Delegates to the Provincial Congress from Cumberland county.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 93, 103.]

At a full meeting of the delegates from the several towns in the county of Cumberland and Colony of New York,—convened at Westminister June 6^th 1775.

This County of Cumberland having received certain intelligence from Mr Isaac Low, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence at New York, that it is the Desire of the said respectable Committee of Correspondence at New York that the sense of the People in the said county of Cumberland should be fully known, with regard to the Hostile measures that are using by the British Parliament to enforce the late cruel, unjust and oppressive acts of the said British Parliament, through the British Colonies in America.

We the Delegates from the several towns and districts in said county of Cumberland being chosen by the freeholders and Inhabitants of the same, to exhibit to the Provincial Congress the sense and Voice of the People with regard to the unjust proceedings of the British Parliament &c Do pass the following Resolves:

1 *Resolved*, N. C. That the late acts of the British Parliament passed in order to raise a *Revenue* in America are unjust, illegal and Diametrically opposite to the Bill of Rights and a fundamental Principal of the British Constitution which is—"That no person shall have his property taken from him without his Consent."

2 *Resolved*, N. C. That we will resist and oppose the said acts of Parliament in conjunction with our Brethren in America at the expense of our lives and fortunes, to the last extremity, if our Duty to God and our Country require the same.

3 *Resolved*, N. C. That we think it needless to pass many Resolves, exhibiting our sentiments with regard to the unhappy Controversy, subsisting between Great Britain and America. Let it Suffice therefore, that we fully acquiesce with what our Brethren have lately done at New York in their late *association*, and it is hereby Resolved that the *late association* entered into at New York is perfectly agreeable to the Sentiments of the freeholders and Inhabitants of this county, and that they fully acquiesce in the same.

4 *Resolved*, N. C. That this county is at present in a very broken situation, with regard to the Civil authority, we therefore sincerely Desire that the advice of the Honorable Congress might be, by our delegates transmitted to us, whereby some order and Regularity might be established among us. We therefore should take it as a favour, if the honorable Congress would particulary recommend to us, in this

county some measures to be pursued by us the Inhabitants of the same; for we are persuaded their advice herein would have great weight to influence our people universally to pursue such measures as would tend to the peace, safety and good order of this county for the future.

5 *Resolved*, N. C. That we the Inhabitants of this County, are at present in an extreemly defenceless state with regard to *arms* and *ammunition*, we sincerely desire the honorable Provincial Congress would consider us in this respect, and from their Generosity and Goodness, would do what in them lies for our Relief in the Premises. We have many brave Soldiers, but unhappy for us, we have nothing to fight with.

6 *Resolved*, N. C. That in Pursuance to the honorable Isaac Low's (Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence,) Desire and request for this county to send Delegates to the City of New York, in order to ascertain the Sentiments of the People in the County, concerning the unconstitutional Measures lately adopted by the British Parliament against the Americans in general,—and some other matters, and so forth. We hereby Do Vote and Resolve that Col *John Hazeltine*, Doctor *Paul Spooner*, and *William Williams* Esqr be our delegates to meet and join the other Respectable Gentlemen Delegates, Convened at New York, to represent the affairs of this County in Said Congress at the City of New York.

A True Copy of the Minutes.
Attest Sol Phelps, D. C.

JOHN HAZELTINE,
Chairman of County of Cumberland in Congress, & Committe of Correspondence.

Westminster County Hall, July 26th 1775.

in Congress resolved Nem. Con. that our Delegates chosen on the 7th day of June last be qualified to act at the Provincial Congress at New York, Singly in as ample and full a manner when but one is present, as the whole of sd Delegates when the whole is Present at sd Provincial Congress.

Attest.

JAMES CLAY,
Chairman Pro Tem of sd *County Congress.*

SIGNERS.

[Associations, 30: 56, 78, 140.]

Springfield, Cumberland County, 26th July, 1775.

Simon Stevens,	Robtt. Parker,	Isaac Lockwood,
George Hall,	Abraham Lockwood,	Jesse Richardson,
Samuell Scott,	Nathaniel Sheldon,	Oliver Sartwell,
Abner Brisbee,	John Nott,	Joseph Webb,
Josiah Johnson,	Noah Porter,	Thos Edwards,
Asahell mighell,	Emannel Case,	John Barrett,
Temothy Spencer,	Anthony Shelden,	Daniel Sawtell,
Hezekiah Holmes,	John Harman,	Robert Millelard,
Simeon Spencer,	william Kellogg,	Jerahmeel Powers,
Jas Martin, Junr	Joseph Little,	Nicholas Brag,
Jas Martin,	Nicholas Bragg,	Jacob Sartwell,
Nathaniel Weston,	Jacob Lockwood,	William McClellan,
Taylor Spencer,	John griswold,	Harmn House,
Ichabod Waddams,	Davis Goodwin,	Thomas Corten,
Joseph Lockwood,	John M. Roberts,	Simeon Bradford,

John Wiliams,	Ebenezer Hildreth,	James dungley,
Robert Javers,	George Hall, Jun.	John Barrett.

Signed by order of the Com^{tee} of Safty in Springfield.

JOHN BARRETT.

TOWNSHEND, CUMBERLAND CO., July y^{e} 12, 1775.

John Hazeltine,	Amos Holbrook,	Caleb Darling,
Timothy Holbrook,	John Wright,	John Burt,
william Hayward,	John how,	Paul Hazeltine,
Silas Hayward,	John How, Jun^{r}	John Hazeltine, Jun.
Caleb Hayward,	James Watkins,	Thomas walker,
Peter Hazeltine,	Jonathan platon,	Jeyman walker,
Paul Hayward,	william Christopher,	Samuel wisell,
Joseph How,	Ezra Holbrook,	John Dyer,
Benjamin How,	william Johnson,	Benj^{a} Dyer,
Daniel Blanchard,	Joseph Tyler,	Isaac harhart,
Benjamin Hayward,	Ebenezer ober,	John Barns,
Amariah Tafts,	Asa ober,	Epherim Barns,
Calvan Hayward,	Matthew Martin,	Lemuel Robings,
Eli Hayward,	Abraham martin,	william Robings,
Josiah Fish,	David Linsey,	Benj^{a} Fletcher,
John Wood,	Jeams Linsey,	Thomas Reed,
Moses Holbrook,	mike Johnson,	Benj^{a} Rugg.

The above Subscribers are all the men now in townshend; those that are out of town are as follows, viz. Samuel Fletcher, Benjamin moredock, oliver moredock, Aaron Johnson, Samuel Parkis, Thomas Barns, Ebenezer Burt. these are in the sarvice at Roxbury under general Washington: the whole 58: the above completed July ye 12, 1775. But no Safe oppertunity till now the 6 Day of December 1775.

this from a Real friend of Liberty,

JOHN HAZELTINE.

WEATHERSFIELD, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, July 31st, 1775.

Eliphelet Spafford,	Timothy Bærkhurst,	William Dean, Juner.
Hilkiah Gront,	Jonah Blackslee,	John Hatch,
Sam^{ll} Douglas,	Benoni Tuttle,	Josiah Hatch,
Joseph Douglas,	Aaron Webster,	Moses Blackslee,
Jon^{a} Neuton,	Samuel Grixson Allin,	Israel Burllingame,
Gershom Tuttle,	Oliver Kidder,	William Upham,
Jacob Gacheill,	Edward Grannis,	Asa Grout.

Those men that Refused to sign the Association Agreement are as follows:

John marsh,	John Marsh, Jun.	Joseph Marsh.

Signed. By order of the Com^{tees} of Safty in Weathersfield—

pr. me. HILKIAH GROUT.

Petition of Donald McLeod.

[Petitions, 31: 168, 174.]

To the Honorable Gentlemen of the Committee for the City and County of New York, in Assembly or Body Convened.

The Petition of Donald M^{c}Leod Esq^{r} late from Scotland, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner from a deep sence of the favors Conferred on himself, as well as that shown to Many of his Country Men when in great distress after their arrival into this once happy City^{y}, is moved by a voluntary Spirit of Liberty to offer himself in the manner and form following Viz^{t}:

That your said Petitioner become to understand that a great and Many Com-

panies are now on foot to be raised for the defence of our Liberties in this once happy Land which he thinks to be a very proper Maxim for the furtherence of our rights and Liberty.

That your said Petitioner (although he has nothing to Recommend himself but the vanity of Calling himself a Highlander from North Britain) flatters himself that if this Honorable Commitee were to Grant him a Commission under their Hand and Seal that he could without difficulty raise One Hundred Scotch Highlanders in this City and the Neighbouring Provinces Provided they were to be put in the Highland Dress and under pay during their Service in defence of our Liberties.

Therefore May it please your Honors to take this Petition under Your Serious Consideration and should Your Honors think proper to Confer the Honor upon him as to have the Command of a Highland Company under the Circumstances proposed Your Petitioner assures You, that no person shall or will be more willing to accept of the offer than Your Humble Petitioner.

City of New York 7th 1775. DONALD McLEOD.

A second Petition.

To the Honorable Gentlemen of the Congress for the Colony of New York in Body Convened. The Petition of Donald McLeod Esqr late from Scotland, Most Humbly Sheweth,

That yesterday your said Petitioner Presented a Petition before this Honorable Body and as to the Contents of which he begs Leave to give reference.

That since a Ship arrived from Scotland with a number of Highlanders, Passangers, That your Petitioner talked to them this morning and after informing them of the present State of this as well as the neighbouring Colonies, they all seemed to be very desirous to form themselves into Company's with the Proviso of having Liberty to wear their own Country Dress Commonly called the Highland Habit; and moreover to be under pay for the Time in the Service for the Protection of the Liberties of this once happy Country; but by all means to be under the Command of Highland Officers as some of them cannot speak the English Language.

That the said Highlanders seems very desirous of being Commanded by your Petitioner Providing an answer shall be given them very soon, as their Intention is not to Stay here any Considerable Time. That the said Highlanders are already furnished with Guns, Swords, Pistols and Highland Dirks which in Case of Occasion is very necessary as all the above articles are at this Time very difficult to be had.

Therefore may it please Your Honors to take all and Singular the Premises Under Your Serious and Immediate Consideration and as Your Petitioner wants an answer as soon as possible, he further Pray that as soon as they think it meet he may be advised. And Your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever Pray,

City of New York 8th June 1775. DONALD McLEOD.

Certificate of the Election of Isaac Sears as deputy to the Provincial Congress.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 115.]

New York Committee Chamber, 8th June 1775.

In pursuance of an order of this Committee at their last meeting, a Poll was this day opened at the City Hall for the Electing of a Deputy to Represent this City and County in Provincial Congress in the place of Mr. George Folliott who declines serving, and by a return of the said Poll it appears that Mr. *Isaac Sears* was Elected by a great Majority as a Deputy for the purpose above mentioned

A True Copy from the minutes ,

HENRY REMSEN, *Dep. Chairman.*

Report on the case of Capt. Banker.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 159.]

Your Committee appointed to examine into the complaint laid before this house by Capt Banker, Do most humbly report that the conduct of the field officers in this affair appears to your Committee unexceptionable strictly conformable to general agreement as well as military rule.

That Capt Banker has with drawn his complaint and shown all the inclination becoming a good citizen, to cultivate that harmony & union so essential to the public safety — But that upon his former refusal to join the battallion his place having been filled up by another company that cannot be prevailed upon to relinquish it Capt Banker must for the present remain an independent Captain.

By order of the Committee

NEW YORK June 10 1775. RICH^{D} MONTGOMERY.

Election of Delegates to the Provincial Congress from Tryon County.

[Cred. of Del., 24: 107.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Tryon County on Sunday the 11th of June 1775, at the house of Gosen Van Alstyn —

Upon reading letters from the Provincial Congress Dated the 31st of May, and 3^{d} of June 1775 recomending the appointing of Deputies to meet in Congress with the Deputies of the different Counties at New York, the question being put whether any should be sent down? which was carried in the affirmative.

This Committee having great Confidence in the Integrity and Ability of *Christopher P. Yates* and *John Malett* Esqrs. do Resolve that the said *Christopher P. Yates* and *John Malett* be Appointed and are accordingly Appointed to be Deputies to attend the Provincial Congress without delay, and to act in Conjunction with the members of that body upon the very Alarming and Calamitous situation of British America. By order of the Committee

NICHOLAS HERCHEIMER, *Chairman, P. T.*

By order: ANDR FINCK, J^{r} *Clerk.*

Provincial Congress to the Committee of Albany.

[Mil. Committee, 25: 75.]

N. YORK, 14 June, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: When we inform you that a horrible plot is Discovered to raise an Insurrection in the Province, and that Capt. Alexander M^{c}Donald of Staten Island is the Ringleader of it, you will not be surprised at the request we make to you to secure him immediately and keep him in safe Custody in Albany and to secure and examine all his papers. We shall take care to furnish you with every particular relating to this important affair with the utmost speed in the mean time We remain your Friends and Countrymen.

To the Committe of the City and County of Albany.

Order to Colonel Lasher.

COLONEL LASHER: You are desired to furnish M^{r} Alexander M^{c}Dougall with a Sergeant's guard properly appointed to attend him and in all things obey him immediately. By order of the Congress.

P. V. B. LIVINGSTON, *Presdt.*

Done in Congress: J. M'K., R. B., *Secretaries.*

Petition of Joseph Johnson, an Indian Preacher.

[Petitions, 31: 202.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York:

The humble Petition of Joseph Johnson a licensed preacher of the Gospel Amongst seven different Tribes of New England Indians, and the Oneidas.

Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner hath for several years been engaged Amongst the Indians; for some years as a Schoolmaster Amongst the Oneidas and since that time in preaching the Gospel to several different Nations of New England Indians, and to the Oneidas, and in endeavouring to persuade the Indians to a Civilized Life, and to embrace the Christian Religion. Also your Petitioner humbly Sheweth. That a number of New England Indians of seven different Tribes having become poor, and few in number were adopted by the Oneida Nation, who gave them a Tract of land to settle on. That your Petitioner with a number of the said New England Indians removed to the Oneida Country to settle on the Lands given to them, and were very kindly received; and had got Cornfields planted and gardens made. That false reports were lately spread to the westward, that your Petitioner and the New England Indians who were with him had moved to the westward in pursuance of a design formed by the people of New England to settle in that western Country, and that they might thereby have an opportunity of gaining the favour of the upper nations and bring them to their way of thinking. That the New England Indians were afraid that ill disposed Persons whose hearts might be full of Jealousy and prejudice, might induce some of the distant Indian Nations, to Credit such false Reports, and set them at varience with, and cause them to fall on, and take up the Hatchet against the new settled Indians. That therefore the New England Indians with the consent and advice of the Oneidas, thought best for their Safety and the Peace of the Country to return for the present from whence they came, until the present Troubles shall be ended.

That most part of the said New England Indians are returned, and that your Petitioner with three others of the said Indians are now on their way to the Eastward intending to proceed by the way of New London, which is near their former place of abode. That your Petitioner and his three Companions sensible of the present Troubles, and difficulties in every part of the Country, are fearfull of traveling without a passport or a Letter of safe conduct, which may afford them peace, and protection in their Journey: And are also so poor, and destitute that they are utterly unable to pursue their Journey, without the Charitable aid, and relief of the Benevolent, and the Humane. Your petitioner therfore humbly prays that a passport, or a Letter of safe Conduct, and Protection may be graciously given to him for James Shattock, John Skevack, Samuel Tallman, and himself to pass to New London in Connecticut, and also for such small sum to aid them in their Journey to New London aforesaid, as to this honorable Congress in their wisdom shall seem meet. And your Petitioner on behalf of himself and his above named Companions as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c &c

To the Hono^ble^ the Provincial Congress of New York. JOSEPH JOHNSON.

New York, June 21^st^ A. D. 1775.

Provincial Congress to Messrs. Livingston & Wisner.

[Military Committee, 25: 67.]

In Provincial Congress at New York June 22^d^ 1775.

Sir: In compliance with the Inclosed Resolve of the Continental Congress, we request that your Powder mill be put into such a condition as immediately to manufacture into Powder for the use of the Continent the Salt Petre Brimstone and Sulphur to be collected from the Different Colonies mentioned in the Resolves. As the management of this important affair is Committed to our care, we beg your compli-

ance with the Resolutions of the Continental Congress, and that you would communicate to us the state of your Powder mill that we may give the proper Directions for Transmitting to you the materials that may be collected.

We are sir your very Humble Servants.

By Order and on behalf of the Provincial Congress.

One Letter to The Hon^ble^ Robert R. Livingston Esq. The other to Henry Wisner Junr Esq.

Provincial Congress to the N. Y. Delegates in Congress.

[Military Committee, 25: 69.]

In Provincial Congress New York June 23^d^ 1775.

Gentlemen: The Congress have recommended unto us not to give Bounty or Clothing to our Troops. We have to inform you that we have prepared an arrangement of three thousand men, and have not the least Doubt that we shall be able to complete our Levies of strong, able and spirited soldiers in a fortnight or three weeks at farthest. But we must observe to you that It wilt be very difficult to get men unless we may cloathe them. The Expense of this will be about Four Pounds Ten shillings per man arms and accoutrements as much more, this will make up nine Pounds York money, that is for the whole twenty seven thousand pounds, deducting one months pay which is eight thousand Pounds, the remainder of nineteen thousand Pounds we conceive to be necessary nay an indispensable Expense upon the raising our Troops which nevertheless we will not presume upon without the advice of the Congress. At the same time we must observe that unless the Troops have a proper uniform such is the nature of them they will not act with that spirit becoming True Americans and certainly the Officers will be unable to preserve that degree of Cleanliness which is essential to Health. You will see Gentlemen that even upon this score the York Troops will not be so expensive as others already raised and to whom the Bounty, and two months Pay is eight Pounds and for three thousand men twenty-four thousand Pounds. You will further observe gentlemen that the raising a number of men in the Service will become more easy and advantageous to this Colony, than to most others by the stoppage of our Trade which will leave a number of hands unemployed amongst us and therefore it is an object well worthy of your private attention both for the Interest and the Honor of our Colony, that a very considerable Body of men be raised here, since at all Events many of them will be maintained at the Public charge.

We are Gent^a^ Your very Hum^ble^ Servts.

To the Delegates for the Colony of New York in Continental Congress.

Petition of William Elphinston, a Prisoner of War.

[Petitions, 31: 206.]

To the President and Members of the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York. The Memorial of William Elphinston, Conductor of Ordnance Stores Humbly Sheweth.

That your Memorialist was taken Prisoner at Crown Point on the 11^th^ of May last by a detachment of the Provincial Army. After which event finding that those persons who formerly were very desirous of purchasing his Bills, refuse to purchase any more. He obtained a pass for coming to New York, Since his arrival here, he finds that the Continental Congress have published a Resolve forbidding any one to negotiate Bills for the Pay of any Officer in the Army or Navy. By this means your Memorialist is reduced to the want of every thing. The neat Amount of your Memorialist Pay is one Guinea per week; Therefore your Memorialist earnestly entreats you will be so good as to take his case into Consideration and to allow him

so much Subsistence as to your Wisdom and Goodness shall appear reasonable, untill such time as permission is granted for negotiating Bill in the usual way.

And Your Memorialist as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

WILL ELPHINSTON,
Conductor of Ordnance Stores.

NEW YORK 22d June 1775.

Petition of William A. Forbis & John Hoogland.

[Petitions, 31: 182.]

To the honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

The petition of William a Forbis and John Hoogland of the City of New York Sadlers. Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioners hath been informed, that the Congress hath in contemplation the ordering of making a number of Cartridge Boxes, Slings & Belts for the use of the Provincial Troops.

That your Petitioners is well able to make the same in as cheap and workman like a manner as any of their Calling in this City and willing to do the same with the utmost expedition. Your Petitioners therefore humbly prays this Honourable Board to be employed in this work and your petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c

WILLIAM A. FORBIS,
JOHN HOOGLAND.

NEW YORK June 24, 1775.

Petition of Herman Zedtwitz.

[Petitions, 31: 178.]

To the Honorable members of the Provincial Congress at this Time Convened in the City of New York.

The Petition and humble Remonstrance of Herman Zedtwitz of the same City Gentleman Most Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner is a German by Birth and hath heretofore served as an officer in the King of Prussia's Army upwards of fourteen Years, that through the Course of Your Petitioner's Experience in the Art of War he hath found that a Body of Rifle men properly Equip'd to preceed the Grand Army have been of great use to annoy and confuse the Enemy.

That your Petitioner being well versed in the Exercise of such men would with the appointment and sanction of this Honorable Board undertake to raise a Regiment to contain Six Hundred able Bodied men from Paxton and other parts of the province of Pennsylvany, many of them already provided with their Rifles, and the whole Number in a very short Time might be compleat and ready to go on such Service as should be found necessary. That your Petitioner hath known such a Regiment in the Time of action to be of more Service than any three Common Regiments and is willing and desirous personally to explain to this Honorable Board at such Time as shall be appointed, the particular Services of such a Body of men.

That your Petitioner hath very lately been in that part of Pennsylvania before mentioned, and is well satisfied that if this Honorable Board should see fit to appoint or Cause him to be appointed to the Command of such a Regiment he could in a very short time Compleat the same and would use his most indefatigable endeavours at all Times to approve himself worthy of the Honor conferred upon him, and your Petitioner most humbly requests that this Honorable Board will take the premises into consideration and appoint such time for hearing him further therein as shall be found Convenient, when he will most punctually attend, and in the mean time remains this Honorable Boards most Dutifull and very devoted Humble Servant,

HERMAN ZEDTWITZ.

CITY OF NEW YORK 27th June 1775.

Warrants issued by Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Com. 25: 71, 89, 123, 133.]

Suffolk County.

A warrant to John Haloburt, captain, One do. to John Davis, his first Lieutenant, One do. to William Havens, his second Lieutenant.

A warrant to John Greenal, captain. One do. to Wm. Philipse, Jun'r, first Lieutenant. One do. to Philip Conklin, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Daniel Griffin, captain. One do. to Benjamin Marvin, first Lieutenant. One do. to Nathaniel Norton, second Lieutenant.

We have received the above warrants—all dated on yesterday, June 29th, 1775.

NATHANIEL WOODHULL,
THOMAS WICKHAM,
SELAH STRONG.

Westchester County.

A warrant to Ambrose Horton, captain. One do. to Samuel Clannon, first Lieutenant. One do. to Nehemiah Marshall, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Daniel Mills, captain. One do. Samuel Haight, first Lieutenant. One do. Elijah Hunter, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Jonathan Platt, captain. One do. to David Dan, first Lieutenant. One do. to Manning Bull, second Lieutenant.

Received the above warrants—all dated on yesterday, June 29th, 1775.

ROBERT GRAHAM.

A warrant to Wm. Goforth, captain. A warrant to Richard Van Varck, captain. A warrant to Abraham Van Wyck, captain. A warrant to Marinus Willett, captain. One do. to Captain John Johnson, captain. One do. to Gershom Mott, captain. One do. to Fredrick Van Weisenfelt, captain. One do. to James Alner, captain. One do. to John Quackenbos, captain. One do. to Samuel Broome, captain.

I have received all the above warrants—all dated yesterday, June 29th, 1775.

ISAAC ROOSEVELT.

Tryon County.

A warrant to John Frey, captain. One do. for Anthony Van Veghten, first Lieutenant. One do. for Matthew Warmwood, second Lieutenant.

I have received the three above-mentioned warrants—all dated yesterday, June 29th, 1775. CHRIS. P. YATES.

Queens County.

A warrant to Nathaniel Woodward, captain. One do. for Abraham Riker, Lieutenant. One do. for Morris Hazard, second Lieutenant.

I have received the three above-mentioned warrants—all dated yesterday, June 29th, 1775. JOHN LAWRENCE.

Orange County.

A warrant to Daniel Denton, captain. One do. to Balthazer Dehart, first Lieutenant. One do. to Stephen Howell, second Lieutenant.

I have received the above three warrants—all dated yesterday, June 29th, 1775.

BENJ. TUSTEN.

Albany County.

A warrant for Hezekiah Baldwin, captain. One do. for Nathaniel Rowley, first Lieutenant. One do. for Roswell Beeby, second Lieutenant.

A warrant for Joel Pratt, captain; Benjamin Chattenden, first Lieutenant; Israel Spencer, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Peter B. Vrooman, captain. One do. to Myndert A. Wemple first Lieutenant. One do. to Jelles A. Fonda, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Stephen Schuyler, captain. One do. to Barent Rooseboom, first Lieutenant. One do. to Direk Hansen, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to John Fisher, captain. One do. to Benjamin Evans, first Lieutenant. One do. to Joseph Fitch, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Peter Yates, captain. A warrant to Henry Veghten, first Lieutenant. One do. to Gideon King, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Cornelius Van Dyck, captain. One do. to Cornelius Van Slyck, first Lieutenant. One do. to Guy Young, second Lieutenant.

Albany and Cumberland.

A warrant to Elisha Benedict, captain. One do. to Samuel Fletcher, first Lieutenant. One do. to Alexander Brinck, second Lieutenant.

Charlotte County.

A warrant to Joseph McCracken, captain. One do. to Moses Martin, first Lieutenant. One do. to John Barnes, second Lieutenant.

I have received the before-mentioned twenty-seven warrants for Albany, Cumberland, and Charlotte Counties—all dated yesterday, June 29th, 1775.

ROBT. V. RENSSELAER.

Orange County.

A warrant to Robert Johnson, captain. One do. for Martinus Goetchius, first Lieutenant.

I have received the above warrants, each dated on the 28th instant—June 30th, 1775. JOHN COE.

Ulster County.

A warrant for Philip DuBois Bevier, second Lieutenant.

I have received the above warrant, dated the 28th instant. Dated this 30th day of June, 1775. JOHANNES HARDENBURGH.

Richmond County.

*A warrant for Abraham Harris, first Lieutenant.

I have received the above warrant, dated on the 28th instant—June 30th, 1775.

RICHARD CONNER.

Ulster County.

A warrant to *John Cantine, captain. A warrant to *Elias Haasbrouck, first Lieutenant. A warrant to *Cornelius Jansen, second Lieutenant.

I have received the above three warrants, all bearing date 28th instant.—June 30th, 1775. JOHANNES HARDENBURGH.

A warrant to *John Nicholson, captain. A warrant to *Isaac Belknap, first Lieutenant. A warrant to *David Dubois, second Lieutenant.

I have received all the above three warrants, each bearing date on the 28th instant. July 30th, 1775. JOHN NICHOLSON.

Dutchess County.

A warrant to Henry B. Livingston, captain; Jacob Thomas, first Lieutenant; Roswell Willcocks, second Lieutenant.

A warrant to Louis Dubois, captain; Elias Van Bunschoten, Jun'r, first Lieutenant; Cornelius Adriance, second Lieutenant.

Andrew Billings, captain; Ezekiel Cooper, first Lieutenant; John Langdon, 2d Lieutenant.

Rufus Herrick, captain; Charles Graham, first Lieutenant; Jesse Thompson, second Lieutenant.

On the 28th day of June, 1775, received the above twelve warrants, all bearing date on the day of the date hereof.

ZEPH PLATT,
GILBERT LIVINGSTON,
MELANCTON SMITH.

* Signed by Leonard Lispenard, Esq., President *Pro Tempore*.

Kings County.

A warrant to Anthony Welph, first Lieutenant.

I have received the above warrant, bearing date the 28th instant.—June 30th, 1775. JOHN VAN DER BILT.

Ulster County.

A warrant to *Egbert Dumond, Esqr., captain. One do. to *Jacobus S. Bruyn, first Lieutenant. One do. to *Thomas De Witt, second Lieutenant.

I have received the above three warrants for Captain Dumond and his Lieutenants—they bear date the 28th June past.—July 1st 1775.

JOHN NICOLSON.

A warrant for *Daniel Gano, second Lieutenant.

I have received the above warrant which bears date on the 28th of June last.—July 1st 1775. HEN. WILLIAMS.

A warrant to *Richard Varick as captain, date 28th of June, instead of a warrant of the same date returned because it was incorrect.

I have received the above warrant, dated 28 June, 1775.

RICH'D VARICK.

A warrant to *Jonathan Piercy, first Lieutenant; a warrant to *James Campbell, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to *Aaron Austin, first Lieutenant; a warrant to *John Houston, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to *John Alexr McDougall, 1st Lieutenant; a warrant to *Stephen Steel, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to *Benjamin Pelton, 1st Lieutenant; a warrant to *Timothy Hughes, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to *Wm. Brown 1st Lieutenant; a warrant for *Abraham Brasher, Jun'r, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to *Wm. Gilleland, first Lieutenant; a warrant to *Leonard Bleecker, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant for *Wm. Leary, 1st Lieutenant; a warrant for *John Beekman, 2d Lieutenant.

I received all the above warrants, all dated the 28th of June last.—July 1st 1775.

ISAAC ROOSEVELT.

A warrant to Jacobus Wynkoop, captain, bearing date on the 28th of June last.

I have received the above warrant, July 4th 1775.

JOHN VAN DER BILT.

A warrant to James Wm. Payne, first Lieutenant; a warrant to Ranald Stephen McDougall, 2d Lieutenant; a warrant to Jacob Cheeseman as Captain.

I have received the three above-mentioned warrants which are all dated the 28th June last.—July 5th, 1775. ISAAC ROOSEVELT.

A warrant to Abraham Rolph, first Lieutenant, dated June 28th.

I have received the above warrant July 7th, 1775. PAUL MICHEAU.

A warrant to Thomas Lefoy—a Lieutenant—dated 28th of June last.

I received the above warrant July 7th, 1775. PHILIP CORTLANDT.

A warrant to Samuel Cannon, captain; a warrant to Samuel Sackett, first Lieutenant; a warrant to Henry G. Livingston, captain; a warrant to Wm. Matthewman, 2d Lieutenant.

I have received all the above warrants, all dated 28th June last.—July 8th 1775.

PHILIP CORTLANDT.

A warrant to Samuel Tredwell Pell, a second Lieutenant, dated on the 28th June last.

I have received the above warrant instead of the warrant of Nehemiah Marshall this day returned. July 13th, 1775. GOUV. MORRIS.

A warrant to Benjamin Ledyard, captain, in the stead of Samuel Broome, who declines; the warrant dated the 28th June last and Mr Broome's warrant returned.

I have received my warrant of John McKesson, July 18th 1775.

BENJMN LEDYARD.

* All signed by Leon'd Lispenard, President *Pro Tempore.*

A warrant to Andrew Teller Lawrence as second Lieutenant in the company of Lewis Dubois, dated 28th June last.

I have received the above warrant of John McKesson by order of Mr. And. T. Lawrence. July 28th, 1775. DANIEL TER BOS.

A warrant to Joseph Benedict as captain in Collo. Holmes' regt., in the stead of Samuel Cannon who has resigned and his warrant returned. The warrant to Joseph Benedict was dated on the 28th of June last, and was issued on the 27th July, 1775.

I have received the above warrant. JAMES HOLMES.

A warrant to Wm. Crane, first Lieutenant, issued and dated this 3d day of August, 1775.

I have received the above warrant.

A warrant to John Lawrence, 2d Lieutenant, issued and dated 3d day of August, 1775.

I have received the above warrant August 3d 1775, issued instead of the warrant of Morris Hazard, returned. JOHN LAWRENCE.

A warrant to Miles Oakley, 2d Lieutenant in Daniel Mills' company, dated 3d August, 1775.

A warrant to Gould Bouton bearing date 3d August, to be 2d Lieutenant in Joseph Benedict's company.

I have received the warrants to Oakley and Bouton. JAMES HOLMES.

A warrant to Isaac Van Waert (second Lieutenant in Ambrose Horton's company,) dated this third day of August, 1775.

I have received the above warrant, Aug, 3d 1775.

WILLIAM PAULDING.

A warrant to Thomas Lee, 2d Lieutenant in the company of Jacobus Rosekrans, dated Aug. 3d 1775.

A warrant to Jacobus Rosekrans, captain, dated Aug. 3d 1775.

I have received the two last above-mentioned warrants on this 3d day of Aug. 1775. NATH'L SACKETT.

A warrant to George Hamilton Jackson, 2d Lieutenant in Daniel Denton's company in the stead of Stephen Howel whose warrant is returned. Jackson's warrant dated this 3d day of August, 1775.

I have received the above warrant. MICHAEL JACKSON.

A warrant to David Palmer, captain, bearing date and issued this day, being the 3d of Aug. 1775.

A warrant to Samuel Van Veghten, issued and dated on this 3d of Aug. 1775.

I have receive the above warrant 3d Aug. 1775.

PHILIP CORTLANDT.

A warrant to Christopher P. Yates as captain, dated 15th July last; a warrant to Andrew Fink, Jun'r, as first Lieutenant, dated 15th July last; a warrant to John Keyser, Jun'r, as second Lieutenant, dated July 15th last.

A warrant to Samuel Tredwell Pell as First Lieutenant in Ambrose Horton's company, issued in lieu of his warrant as a second Lieutenant now returned and filed.

I have received the above warrant, Aug. 11th, 1775. JAMES HOLMES.

Field Officers.

Coll. James Holmes, appointed 30th June, 1775.
Lieut-Coll. Cortlandt, appointed 30th June, 1775.
Major Tuthill, appointed 30th June, 1775.
Benjamin Chapman, Quartermaster, appointed 30th June, 1775.
Job Mulford, Adjutant, appointed 2d August 1775.

Petition of Jacob Vredenburgh.

[Petitions, 33: 2.]

To Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esq[r] President of the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York.

The Petition of Jacob Vredenburgh Peruke maker Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner some time in the year 1770, had a certain lad named John Lion duly Indented to him to serve from the date of the said Indenture 8 years and 7 months to learn the art Trade or mystery of Periwig Making and Hair Dressing. But that some evil minded person or persons, taking advantage of the unnatural disputes which unhappily at present subsists between Great Britain and her Colonies have seduced the said apprentice as your Petitioner hath reason to believe to inlist into one of the Companies of the Army now raising in this province, which Inlistment your Petitioner humbly begs leave to say is contrary to the express order of the Honorable the Continental Congress, and as the said apprentice has still but three years or thereabouts to serve your Petitioner unless redressed by the Honorable Congress, will be deprived of the only useful time of his service and thereby greatly injured in his Business.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly begs the Honorable the Provincial Congress would be favorably pleased to take his case into consideration, and by an order from this Board Command that the officer in whose service the said apprentice may be discharge him forthwith and that he return to his service.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

JACOB VREDENBURGH.

John Hammell to the Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 31: 160, 162.]

Gentlemen: Having Served an Apprenticeship of Seven Years to Englebard Kemmena Practitioner of Physick & Surgeon of the City of New York; in which Capacity being desirous of joining the Forces now raising in this Province for the maintenance of Our Rights and Privileges, beg leave to lay myself before the Honourable House for Its Approbation a Recommendation of my Character, and abilities, which desireous to support I have here inclosed wishing to have the honour of being your Humble Servt JOHN HAMMELL.

New York Tuesday afternoon 4th July 1775.

John Hammell of the City of New York having studied Physick and Surgery by me with the strictest attention full seven Years, during which time He hath conducted Himself with the greatest Honesty, and Sobriety and convinced of His being capable of Practising, do recommend Him to any Person that may occasion assistances of the Faculty. ENGELBART KEMMENA.

New York, July 3[d] 1775.

List of the Field Officers, Captains and part of the Lieutenants of the Regiment of Green Mountain Boys, Consisting of Seven Companies.

[Military Returns, 26: 51.]

Ethan Allen, } *Field Officers.*
Seth Warner. }

Captains.	*First Lieuts.*
Remember Baker,	Ira Allen,
Robert Cochran,	John Grant,
Michal Veal,	Ebenezer Allen,

Captains.	*First Lieut.*
Peleg Sutherling,	David Ives,
Gideon Worren,	—— ——
Wait Hopkins,	Jesse Sawyer.
Heman Allen.	—— ——

Levi Allen, Adjutant.
Elijah Babcock, Commissary.
Jonas Fay, Doctor and Surrurgeon.

July 4th 1775.

George Sulivan to the Provincial Congress

[Petitions, 31: 153.]

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

Whereas my friends have continued since my Arrival from England, to Inform me that Reports were Daily spread abroad, that I must have been an Enemie to this Country during my Negotiations there and since my return from there,—I find it therefore my Duty to represent this matter to your serious consideration, founded on your being the Protectors of Peaceable Subjects—I am now in waiting for your Commands, which I hope will remove any Treats that I may be in Danger of from an Inraged People to whom I must have been misrepresented. Every man has Enemies, and by such Enemies Advantages may be taken at this time of—unprejudiced, Defensless, Innocence.

Therefore I lay my case before you the Gardians of this Province, and am most Respectfully your most Obedient Humble Servant

New York July 6th 1775. GEORGE SULIVAN.

Petition of Musical Instrument makers.

[Petitions, 31: 200.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

The Humble Petition of Samuel Falkenhan and David Wothaupter Instrument maker of the City of New York, Humbly Shewet:

That whereas the Hon: Congress in their wisdom have thought it expedient to raise a Number of Troops in the Just defence of the Rights and Liberties of the American Subjects, and as those Troops may want a Number of Drums & Fifes; your Petitioners most Humbly offer their best Services in furnishing said Troops with said Drums & Fifes, on the most Reasonablest terms, of which they now have Fifty of the Best sort already, by them made in this city.

Your Petitioners Humbly prays that they may have the Honour of supplying said Troops, with said Drums & Fifes, or such part as the Hon: Congress shall seem meet.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound Shall ever pray

New York July 10th 1775. SAMUEL FALKENHAN,
DAVID WOTHAUPTER.

Petition of Doctor Henning.

[Petitions, 31: 184.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

The Petition of Philip Henning Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner is an Inhabitant and Freeman of the City of New York. That he has signed the association of this Colony in defence of the Liberties of America. That he and his family are, and ever have been, friends to the Freedom

of this Country; being fully persuaded, that no power on Earth, has any right to tax, or make any Laws to influence the internal police thereof; without their own Consent. That he has one son now in the Service of his Country and the General Congress. That he has two sons more, who are ready and determined to go immediately into the same honourable Service; and That, as for himself, he only wants an opportunity to show his own readiness to assist in the Common Cause, in such a way, as he thinks he should be most capable. That he is Skill'd in the nature of Fevers, Fluxes and all Camp Disorders, with the Method of Cure, Concerning which he is willing to be examined.

These are therefore praying, that you will be pleased to appoint your Petitioner to the office of Surgeon's Mate, in such of the Regiments or Battallions now a raising, or to be raised, as in your wisdom you shall think fit; and your petitioner, for your happiness and prosperity, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

New York 11th July 1775. PHILIP HENNING.

Appointment of a Quorum of the Deputies from Albany County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 95.]

Albany Committee Chamber, 13th July 1775.

The Committee of this City and County having heretofore appointed Messrs *Abraham Yates* Junr *Robert Yates*, *Abraham Ten Broeck*, *Jacob Cuyler*, *Henry Glen*, *Francis Nicoll*, *Peter Silvester*, *Dirck Swart*, *Walter Livingston*, *Volkert P. Douw* and *Robert Van Rensselaer*, the deputies of this City and County to attend the Provincial Congress with general powers to represent this City and County, But by reason of the inconvenience attending the attendance of all the Deputies in the said Provincial Congress. It is therefore

Resolved, that for the future the said Deputies attend the said Congress, or any four or more of their number, for the purposes aforesaid, with the same power and authority as if all the said Deputies were present.

John Bay *Seey.* ABM YATES Jun'r, *Chairman.*

John Grennell to John McKesson.

[Military Committee, 25: 85.]

Received of Mr John McKesson Secretary to the Respectable the Provincial Congress in New York, Two warrants dated 28th June 1775. Signed by P. V. B Livingston President and directed to Samuel Smith and Alexander Hitchburn for the purpose of enlisting men in the service of the Associated Colonies

JOHN GRENNELL.

Sir: The above Receipt hope may be sufficient untill I come to town which expect may be next week; as I am unacquainted with the form, shall then be ready to give all the Satisfaction in my Power if this will not do. Am much obliged by your Sending the Warrants. As the delay would have greatly embarrassed me.

I am with Respect Sir Your Very Humble Servt.

JOHN GRENNELL.

To John McKesson Esqr

Huntington 18th July 1775.

Petition of John Smith.

[Petitions, 31: 156.]

To the Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress now Convened in the City of New York.

The Petition of John Smith of the City of New York Humbly Sheweth:

That Your Petitioner hath Served in the Capacity of Commissary many Years, and being now out of Employ, is ready and willing to enter into Service for the defence and Liberties of America, wherein he was Born.

Your Petitioner therefore offers his Service, and most humbly prays that he may be accepted by the Honourable Provincial Congress, as Commissary in the Continental Army, now raising in this Province.

And Your Petioner as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray.

New York 25th July 1775. JOHN SMITH.

Petition of Jacob Bamper.

[Petitions, 31: 192.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

The Petition of Jacob Bamper of the City of New York, Gentleman, Humbly sheweth:

That your Petitioner is very willing and desirous to enter into the Service of his Country.

That he is well acquainted with Military Discipline, and has been for some Time engaged in instructing some Persons in their Exercises.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that he may be appointed to some office under the Congress such as he may be judged capable to execute and your Petitioner as in Duty bound, shall ever pray &c. JACOB BAMPER.

New York July 25, 1775.

Petition of George Cook.

[Petitions, 31: 190]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

The Petition of George Cook of the City of New York Sadler, Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner hath been informed this Congress have employed sundry persons in this City to make Pouches & Belts for the use of the Troops now raising in this Colony for the defence of American Liberty.

That your Petitioner hath given evident Proofs of his Attachment to the American Cause & as he has been informed that this Congress will require more of the above Articles than are already engaged, he therefore humbly prays that he may be imployed in making a part of such Pouches & Belts as this Congress may require on the like Terms & Conditions with those already engaged. And your Petitioner will ever Pray &c. GEORGE COOK.

July 25th 1775.

Return of Volunteers enlisted in Richmond County.

[Military Returns, 26: 53.]

New York 26th July 1775.

To the Honble Peter V. B. Livingston, President of the New York Provintial Congress.

I hereby acquaint you, in Consequence of a Warrant by you signed, and to me directed as Lieut. have Inlisted 23 Volunteers, and wait yr further orders.

I am yr Most Obedt Humb Sert

DAVID PALMER.

N. B. The above Volunteers Inlisted in Richmond County.

Petition of John Fisher.

Petitions, 31: 188.]

To Peter Van Brugh Livingston Esq[r] president of the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York.

The petition of John Fisher, Sadler, Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner being a Freeman and real friend to American Liberty, and from his fifteen years residence in this Land (till of late) always received work in Great plenty at his Trade, which he now Exercises, but since the Great and Unnatural Disputes which unhappily Subsists between Great Britain and the Colonies, his Business has in a great Measure declined in this City, as elsewhere,—and your Petitioner being Credibly informed that a Considerable Number of Cartouch Boxes, Belts &c are now Making for the Army to be raised in this Province, and as Sadlers have been Employed in this service. Your Petitioner humbly begs this Honorable Body would be favourably pleased to take his case into consideration and Imploy him in that service, as he Conceives himself a person properly qualified to compleat a Number Immediately. And your Petitioner shall ever Pray &c from your Humble Servant JOHN FISHER.

New York 26[th] July 1775.

Return of Enlistments in Westchester County.

[Military Returns, 26: 55.]

Sir: agreeable to your request, I send you the number of fifty-six able bodyed men enlisted by me; as to the number enlisted by my Lieutenant I cannot ascertain.

From Sir your Humb[l] Ser[t]

White Plains July, y[e] 26[th] 1775. AMBROSE HORTON.

Return of Enlistments in Suffolk County.

[Military Returns, 26: 57.]

Southampton, July 27[th] 1775.

Gent[n] I wrote to you the 20[th] Instant Informing you that I had Enlisted 49 men. I would now acquaint you that I have added to ye number so that this day Sixty Eight have passed Muster, in a day or two I hope to make a return of the whole. I am Gent[n] Your Humb[l] Sar[ts]

JN[o] HULBERT.

Return of Officers elected by the Green Mountain Boys.

[Military Returns, 26: 11.]

At a meeting of the Committees of the several Townships on the New Hampshire Grants west of the Range of Green Mountains Convened at the house of M[r] Cephus Kents, Innholder in the Township of Dorset. July 27[th] 1775. Voted as follows (Viz)

1[stly] Chose M[r] Nathan Clark Chairman. 2[dly] Chose John Fasset Clerk.

3[dly] The motion being made and seconded whether this Convention shall prosecute in Chusing Field and other Officers according to the Provincial Congress, and your Honours Direction. Passed in the affirmative. Then proceeded as follows —

4[thly] Chose M[r] Seth Warner Lieutenant Colonel for the Regiment of Green Mountain Boys by a Majority of forty one to five.

5[thly] Chose M[r] Samuel Safford Major for said Regiment by a Majority of Twenty Eight to Seventeen.

Then Proceeded and Chose Seven Captains and fourteen Lieutenants by a great Majority vizt:

Captains.	*First Lieutenants.*	*Second Lieutenants.*
Weight Hopkins,	John Fassett,	Johan Noble,
Oliver Potter,	Ebenr Allen,	James Claghorn,
John Grant,	Barnebas Barnam,	John Shipman,
William Fitch,	David Galusha,	Philo Hard,
Gideon Brownson,	Jelle Bleaksley,	Nathan Smith,
Micah Vail,	Ira Allen,	Jesse Sawyer,
Heman Allen.	Gideon Warren.	Joshua Manton.

NATHAN CLARK *Chairman.*

Petition of Sampson Dyckman.

[Petitions, 31: 140.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

The Petition of Sampson Dyckman, Livery-Stable Keeper Humbly Sheweth:

That on the twenty-fifth Day of June last, a person by the name of Herington, who arrived here from the Camp at Cambridge in Masachusetts Government, came to the Stables of your Petitioner, and without the knowledge of your Petitioner, and against the Consent of his Hostler, took a Horse belonging to your Petitioner, to go Express to Philadelphia, as he informed the said Hostler.

That the said Herington, by hard riding, and other ill usage on the Journey to Philadelphia, and back to this City, has much injured the said Horse, and almost rendered him unfit for Service.

Your Petitioner begs leave to inform this Honorable Congress, that he would have taken the steps pointed out by Law for the recovery of Damages against the said Herington, but as he was in public Employ, and as Mr Mc Dougall one of the members of this House informed your petitioner that upon a proper Representation of the matter, he would receive ample Satisfaction from this Honorable Congress, Your Petitioner thought proper to rely on its Justice and Equity, well hoping that this Honorable House will not permit an Individual to Suffer while it has the power of giving Redress and humbly prays this Honorable Congress that he may be permitted to Sell the Horse on their account, and charge the first Cost of the Horse with the Expences which have accrued on him, or that the Damages by Reason of the premises, may be ascertained by Mr Delancey, another member of this Honorable House, from whom your petitioner bought the Horse, and who saw him on his return from Philadelphia, or that your petitioner may be relieved in any other way that may seem meet to this honorable House and your Petitioner shall ever pray &c

SAMPSON DYCKMAN.

New York July 29th 1775.

Two Letters of John Adams.

[Military Committee, 25: 87.]

The following are authentic copies of two letters from Mr Jno Adams at Philadelphia which were taken in the possession of Mr Benja Hitchburn as he was passing from Rode Island to Providence by People from the Rose man of War.]

Copy of a letter wout a signature: supposed from J. Adams dated Philadelphia July 24 to J. Warren, President of the Provincial Congress.

[In Confidence.]

Dear Sir: I am determined to write freely to you this time. A certain great Fortune and piddling Genius, whose Fame has been trumpeted so loudly has given a silly cast to our whole Doings. We are between Hawk & Buzzard. We ought to

have had in our Hands a Month ago, the whole Legislative, Executive and Judicial, of the whole Continent, and have compleatly modelled a Constitution; to have raised a naval Power and opened our Ports wide; to have arrested every Friend of Government on the Continent & held them as Hostages for the poor Victims at Boston; & then opened the Door as wide as possible for Peace & Reconciliation. After this they might have petitioned, addressed &c If they would. Is all this extravagant? Is it wild? Is it not the soundest Policy? One piece of News: 7000 lbs of Powder arrived last Night; we shall send away some of it as soon possibly we can; but you must be patient & frugal. We are lost in the extensiveness of our Field of Business. We have a Continental Treasury to establish, a Paymaster to choose & a Committee of Correspondence, or Safety, or Accounts, or something. I know not what that has confounded us all this Day. Shall I hail you speaker of the House? or Councellor? or what? What kind of an Election had you? What kind of Magistrates do you intend to make? will your new Legislative & Executive feel bold, or irresolute? will your Judicial, hang & whip, & fine, & imprision without scruple? I long to see our distrest Country once more, Yet I dread the sight of Devastation. You observe in your letter the Oddity of a great Man. He is a queer Creature, but you must love his Dogs if you love him, & forgive a thousand whims for the sake of the Soldier & the Scholar. Yours &c.

Favoured by Mr Hitchburn and direct to Jas Warren Esq.

Another Letter To His Wife.

My Dear: It is now almost three Months since I left you; in every part of which my Anxiety for you & the children as well as our Country has been extreme. The Business I have had upon my Mind has been as great & important as can be trusted to Man & the Difficulty & Intricacy of it is prodigious. When 50 or 60 men have a Constitution to form for a great Empire, at the same time they have a Country of 1500 miles extent to fortify, Millions to arm & train, a naval power to begin, an extensive Commerce to regulate, numerous Tribes of Indians to negotiate with, a standing army of 27000 Men to raise, pay, victual and officer; I really shall pity those 50 or 60 Men. I wish I had given you a compleat History from the beginning to the end of the Journey, of the Behaviour of my Compatriots; no mortal Tale could equal it; I will tell you in future; but you must Keep it Secret. The fidgets, the whims, the Caprice, the Vanity, the Superstition, the Irritability of some of us is enough to—— Yours J. A.

To Mrs Abigal Adams of Braintree.

favd by Mr Hitchburn. (Indorsed) 1775, July 31.

Return of Men Enlisted.

[Military Returns, 27: 266.]

Beadford, July 29th 1775.

A Return of the men inlisted by Daniel Mills Capt and Elijah Hunter first Leut

Abijah Dan,	James trowbridg,	Henry Rich,
Abijah Weed,	James Raymond, Junr	John Gosseper,
Jonathan Weeks,	Joseph Clarke, Junr	Abram Nickels,
John thomas,	John Bud,	James Miller,
willis major wilks,	John ellit, Junr	Nathanel Smith,
Lewis Miller,	Amos Roberts,	Nathan Holmes,
John feris,	James Cannady,	Mosis Higgins,
John Runnelds,	Zephaniah Milller,	Holmes astin,
ebenesor weeb,	Lemuel Light,	newman wayrin,
William Miller,	Isaac titus,	nemiah betts,
Chales parsons,	James Mills,	Timothy Conner,
Daniel Holmes,	John Daniels,	John Dayly,

Ambres Benedick,	Thomas Golding,	Henry Noole,
Jeremiah Lane,	John Still,	Shubel Cunninggame,
James Bennet,	Joseph Sears,	John Cunninggame,
Giddeon Smith,	George Garret,	Patrick Cuhana.
Daniel M^{c}Clean,	Lowran Brinney,	Total 50.

To Peter V. B. Livingston Esq^{r}
President, of ye New York Provincial Congress.

Petition of Doctor Henning.

[Petitions, 31: 151.]

To the Honourable Provencial Congress now Convein'd at the City of New York.

The Humble Memorial of Doctor Philip Henning, Showeth:

Whereas some time agoe offered a Humble Petition to this Honourable Board and was presented by said Henning shewing fourth the application for to be Doctors Mate, as the said Petition was taken into Consideration and agree'd by the said Honourable Committee and ordered that the said P. Henning should be Examin'd By Doctor Jones & Samuel Beard, but said Henning not expecting any Justice or Faviour from the said Samuel Beard. Whereas there was some Controversy formerly Between him and the said Beard, silences himself quite Nutre to the Question Ask'd, the said Henning Prays for Another Examination from some Independing Persons therefore the said Henning Prays that the said Beard may bring in his Examination in Writing and further to be Examined by Doctor Closey and Doctor Middleton as persons Independent of the former Controversy and your petitioner Prays for a Cathagoriel Answer and Bound to Pray for ever for you &^{c} &^{c}

1st August 1775. PHILIP HENNING.

Letter from Cambridge, Mass.

[Miscell. Paper 34: 127.]

Camp at Cambridge 3^{d} Augst 1775.

Dear Brother: Yours of the 31st Ins^{t} is rec^{d} I observe the Contents—You must excuse me answering your Questions this week as to what we are about to do; the ships and transports, are gone to the Eastward for wood forage &^{c} &^{c}— As to new modelling the Regiments I can't say I suppose it part of the Business of a meeting of the gen^{l} Officers this day. Our people have again burnt the Light house, Killed and wounded ten Torys and soldiers bro't of 33 more prisoners, & destroyed one sloop & one schooner with the Loss of one man killed one wounded & one Boat— My commission as Commissary Gen^{l} is come to hand. I have now about 22,000 mouths in my Family to be daily supplied with food. By the best estimate that can be made here I shall want for six months provision 22,000 bbls of Flower 3,600 cattle at 600 lb each & 7,000 Bl^{s} Pork.

Petition of Captain David Lyon.

[Petitions 31: 147.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Collony of New York.

The Memorial of Capt. David Lyon Humbly Sheweth:

That in the beginning of July he was Encouraged to expect that he would obtain a Captain's Commission in the service of this Collony, if he could raise a Company That your Memoralist immediately began to enlist Men and engadged that if they should. be taken in to the service of this Collony, their pay and subsistance should commence

from the time of their Enlistment. That your Memorialist was Actually at the expense of Subsisting a great part of his Company from the times of their Enlistment, to the 18th Ult° when they were received into the Barracks—That your Memorialist did not receive his Warrant untill the 14th of July, and should he be left to pay the Wages and Subsistance of his Company from the times of the respective enlistments of the Men, it will be a very considerable Loss to your Memoralist.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly Prays the Congress to take the same into Consideration and to give your Memorialist such relief and answer in the premisses, as in their Wisdom they think fit and right.

New York 3d Aug^{t} 1775. DAVID LYONS, Cap^{t}

The subscribers conceiving Cap^{t} Lyons Case to be extreamly hard humbly request it may engage the attention of the honourable Congress.

Rud^{s} Ritzema, L^{t} Col.
Hermann Zedtwitz, Major.
John Johnson, Cap^{t}.
William Tapp, Quarter-Master.
Aaron Aorson, Lieut.
James William Payne, Lieut.
Richard Platt, Lieut.
Jacob Cheesman, Cap^{n}
John Quackenbos,
Marinus Willett,
John Beekman, Lieut.
Dan^{l} Gano, Lieut.
Martin Johnson, Lieut.
Matthias Clark, Lieut.
Jonath Pearsee, Lieut.
Abraham E. Brasher, Lieut.
Gershom Mott,
William Goforth,
John Brogdon, Adjutant.
Timothy Hughes, Lieut.
William Brown, Jun^{r} Lieut.
Ranald S. M^{c}Dougall, Lieut.
John Alexand^{r} M^{c}Dougal, Lieut.

Arrangement of Officers.

[Military Committee, 25: 119]

Whereas the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York hath resolved and ordered as follows, that is to say,

That the New York Regiment be the *first* or senior Regiment of the Troops raised in this Colony and take Rank accordingly; and unanimously approved of Alexander M^{c}Dougall for Colonel, Rudolphus Ritzema for Lieutenant Colonel, and Herman Zedwitz for Major of the first Regiment.

That Goose Van Schaick's Regiment be the *Second* Regiment and take Rank accordingly; and unanimously approved of Goose Van Schaick for Colonel, Peter Yates for Lieutenant Colonel and Peter Gansevoort Jun^{r} for Major of the Second Regiment.

That James Clinton's Regiment be the *third* Regiment and take Rank accordingly; and unanimously approved of James Clinton for Colonel, Cornelius D. Wynkoop for Lieutenant Colonel and Henry Livingston Jun^{r} for Major of the third Regiment.

That James Holmes's Regiment be the *fourth* Regiment and take Rank accordingly; and unanimously approved of James Holmes for Colonel, Philip Van Cortlandt for Lieutenant Colonel and Barnabas Tuthill for Major of the fourth Regiment.

And Whereas the Provincial Congress have appointed a Committee to form and determine the Rank of the Captains and inferior Officers in each Regiment, and of the Captains and inferior Officers of the Several Regiments.

The Said Committee being therefore met to Execute the powers to them Delegated by the Provincial Congress, unanimously elected Colonel Jacob Blackwell Chairman of the said Committee and John McKesson for their clerk. And the Said Committee having maturely and deliberately Considered of the Rank of the Captains and inferior Officers in each Regiment, and of the rank of the Captains and inferior Officers of the Several Regiments do Resolve, Agree and Order—.

That the Officers of each respective Regiment shall take Rank and Command in their Respective Regiments in the Order they Stand above numbered: and that the Officers of the Several Regiments when they Serve together, shall take Rank and Command according to the Seniority of their Regiments, and their numbers in

their respective Regiments; that is to say, that the first or highest in Rank of the first or other Senior Regiment present shall Command the Officers of equal or inferior Rank of any other Regiment Present. That a first Captain in any Regiment shall always command a second Captain in any other Regiment. That the first Lieutenant in the first company of the first or other Senior Regiment then present, shall command all other Lieutenants present; And the first Lieutenant in any first Company of any Regiment Shall Command the first Lieutenant in the Second company of any other Regiment then present, and in the like order throughout the whole of the said four Regiments. By order of the Committee.

JACOB BLACKWELL, *Chairman.*

New York August the 4th 1775.
Attest John M'Kesson, *Clk.*

Peter Testard, a Chaplain and Interpreter with Major's pay July 6th.
Warrant to James Smith at Major's pay, July 15.

John McKesson to Colo. Phineas Fanning.

[Mil. Com. 25: 129.]

Sir: The Provincial Congress is favoured with your letter of the 8th Instant and are much obliged by the Intelligence.

The Congress is sorry to inform you that any farther supply of Gun Powder is not to be procured at present.

The Powder, Ball, and flint, sent by Mr Foster and Mr Clarke, are at your disposal, in the whole lb 233¾ of Powder, and 600 lb of Ball.

If you should think it necessary to put any of this Ammunition into the hands of the Militia, please to take care that they pay for the same.

Wishing you Success, I am most Respectfully Sir your most Obedient, humble Servt JOHN McKESSON

Colo Phineas Fanning, Southold.
New York Augt 10th 1775.

Petition of Merchants of New York.

[Petitions, 31: 136.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of New York.

The Memoraial of Sundry Persons within the City of New York, Shewith:

That a Difference of Opinion hath arisen in this City with respect to the Propriety of shiping Flax Seed to Ireland from this Colony,—some urging that it was not the Intent of the Continental Congress, that any should be shiped and others insisting that the Contrary appears, not only from the Resolutions of the Continental Congress —but from the Declaration of several of the Delegates upon that subject.

The Memorialists are apprehensive that should Flax Seed be Shipp'd while this Difference of Sentiment prevails it might create some Uneasiness in this City, and being informed that some of the Continental Delegates have signified to this Congress, that the sense of the late Continental Congress respecting this matter, was that we were left at Liberty to Ship Flax Seed.

The Memorialists beg that the Congress will by some act or publication of theirs Declare whether the People of this Colony are or are not at Liberty to ship Flax Seed, as aforesaid, and also to satisfy the Public of the Sense of the Continental Congress, on that subject if such their Sense has been Communicated to this Congress, as Before Suggested.

Thos Galbreath, Danl Phenix, Wm Nielson, Peter Clopper, Mott & Benne, Fredk Rhinelander, Thomas Pearsall, John Franklin, Murray, Sansom & Co., Comfort Sands, Joshua T. De St Croix, Jacob Watson, Edward & William Laight, Templeton J. Stewart.

August 12, 1775.

Provincial Congress to ———

[Mil. Com. 25: 131.]

New York Augt 16th 1775.

Sir: The Congress have directed 3 Companies of Coll. Clinton's Regiment, which were recruited in Suffolk County, to rendevouz at the East end of Long Island, with a view to prevent General Gage's Fleet from obtaining a supply of Fresh Provisions. We are sorry to inform you that a Fleet of Men of War and Transports pillaged Fisher's and Gardiner's Islands last week of a considerable number of Cattle & Sheep. We shall be glad to know if you think it necessary for the public service that those Companies should continue there to prevent future depredations.

Return of Militia Officers of Mamacatting, Ulster County

[Military Returns, 26: 21, 114.]

Gentlemen: We Return you the following persons as officers Chosen under the Inspection of two of this Committee agreeable to youre Resolve published in John Holt's Newspaper of the tenth, Instant, (to wit) John Crage, Captain, John Graham, first Lieut John McKinstry, Second Lieut and John McCrurey Ensign and Desires youl be plaised to send up their Commisshens soon as posable.

Signed by Order of the Committee

JOHN YOUNG, *Chairman.*

Dated Mamacating 19th August 1775. [Commissions Issued 20th Sept 1775.]

At a meeting of the Commitee of the Precinct of Mamacatting agreeable to Notice from the Chairman on Thursday the 17th August 1775,

This Committee taking into consideration the Provincial Congresses Resolve of the 8th of this Instant Conserning the Purchesing or hireing of Arms have *Resolved*, that each and every member of this Committee do make Perticlar Enquirey in their respective Districts and Endeavor to purches or hire all the Arms fit for Emediate service, and that they do Return the same to Mr William Ross on or before the 20th of this Instant, who is appointed to deliver them to Coll. Clinton. or his order.

Resolved secondly, that Jacob R Dewit is Chosen Capt of the Peinpack Company, agreeable to the Resolve of the Provincial Congress on the 9th of this Instant; Abraham Cuddeback 1st Lieut. Robert Cook 2d ditto, Samuel King, Ensign. And that they be returned to the Provincial Congress accordingly.

by order of the Committee,

JOHN YOUNG, *Chairman.*

[Commissions issued & Dated Septr 20, 1775.]

Return of Election of Militia Officers—Ulster County.

[Military Returns, 26: 19.]

New Marlborough Aug 20th 1775.

Honble Gentlemen: Agreeable to your order the south district of the precinct of New Marlborough, met on the 20th of this Instant, and Chose by plurality of Voices the following officers for their Militia (Viz)

Mr Lewis Dubois, Capt.
Mr Caleb Merrit 1. Lieut.
Doctor Abijah Perkins 2. Do.
Mr Matthew Wygant, Ensign.

We are gentlemen your very humle Servts

JOHN SMITH,
HENRY DUBOIS,
2 of the Committee of New Marlborough.

[Commissions Issued and Dated Septr 20th 1775.]

Petition of Philip Rhinelander and Others.

[Petition, 31: 145.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress.

We the subscribers, hereby beg leave to certifie that, Philip Schurman carpenter one of the unhappy persons, that was taken by the American Army at Boston, was about twelve months ago seduced to that employ by Jonathan Hampton which was the more easily done as he is but a very young man, and had but just ended his apprenticeship at the time of his going to Boston. His friends here had wrote long ago pressing him to come home, & and are well informed that he wou'd have done so, provided any opportunity cou'd have been got. — His friends here many of whom are & always have been stedfast in the support of the Libertys of this Country are suffering much disstress on his account, and propose to send his Brother John Schureman to the camp to morrow, in order to sollicit for his Liberty — And they Humbly request that this Congress will take the case of this poor young man into consideration, and favor them with a letter to General Washington in his behalf.

Philip Rhinelander, W^m^ Rhinelander, Jun^r^ Jacob Rhinelander, John Acklay, House Carpenter, Jacob Clock, House Carpenter, Charles Huestis, Carpenter, William Carman, Hous Carpenter, John Adams, Hous Carpenter, F. John Van Winckle, John Santford, George Elwyn.

New York Aug 21, 1775.

Second Suffolk County Battalion.

[Military Returns, 26: 77, 118.]

A Return of the Names of the Persons for the Officers of the Second Battalion in Suffolk County, taken according to the directions of the Provincial Congress by the Committees of Easthampton and Southampton.

David Mulford, 1^st^ Col^o^ George Herrick, Second Major. Phineas Howell, Quarter-Master.
Jonathan Hedges, 2^d^ Col^o^
Uriah Rogers, First Major. John Gilston, Adjutant.

Signed by order of the Committee

August 21^st^ 1775. DAVID PIERSON, *Chairman.*

[Commissions Issued Sept 29, 1775.]

1^st^ Comp^y^
David Howell, Capt,
Jeremiah Post, 1^st^ Lieut,
Paul Jones, 2^d^ Lieut,
Zephaniah Rogers, Ensign.

2^d^ Comp^y^
John Dayton, jun^r^ Capt,
Isaac Mulford Hunting, 1^st^ Lieut,
John Miller, jun^r^ 2^d^ Lieut,
William Heges, Jun^r^ Ensign.

3 Comp^y^
David Peirson, Capt,
Daniel Heges, 1^st^ Lieut,
David Sayre, 2^d^ Lieut,
Theophilus Peirson, Ensign.

4. Comp^y^
David Fithen, Capt,
Samuel Conckling, 1^st^ Lieut.
Thomas Baker, 2^d^ Lieut,
Daniel Conckling, Ensign.

5^th^ Comp^y^
Stephen Howell, Capt,
John White, Jun^r^ 1^st^ Lieut,
Lemuel Wick, 2^d^ Lieut,
Isaah Hallsey, Ensign.

6^th^ Comp^y^
William Rogers, jun^r^ Capt,
Jesse Hallsey, 1^st^ Lieut,
Henry Halsey, 2^d^ Lieut,
Nathaniel Rogers, Ensign.

7^th^ Comp^y^
Josiah Howell, J^r^ Capt,
Nathaniel Howell, 1^st^ Lieut,
Matthew Howell, 2^d^ Lieut,
William Stephens, Ensign.

8^th^ Comp^y^
Samuel L'Hommedieu, Capt
Silas Jessup, 1^st^ Lieut,
Edward Conkling, 2^d^ Lieut,
Daniel Fordham, Ensign.

9th Compy
John Sandford, Capt,
Edward Topping, 1st Lieut,
Phillip Howell, 2d Lieut,
John Hildreth, Ensign.

Signed by order of the Committee August 15th 1775.
DANIEL HOWELL, *Chair Man.*

[Commissions issued Sept 13th 1775.]

Election of Officers in Dutchess County.

[Military Returns, 26: 71.]

Dutchess County, south-east precinct Committee Augt 21st 1775 pursuant to Resolution of Provincial Congress

Order'd that Thomas Baldwin Esqr and Mr. Nathl Foster Two of the Members of this Committee Notifie the Millitia of this precinct consisting of one beat (lately commanded by John Field as Captn) to appear on the 25th Inst. at the usual place of parade, that the said Militia under the direction and Inspection of the sd Baldwin and Foster may arrange themselves into a Military Company agreeable to sd Resolution of Congress, that sd Militia do then and their make choice of Military Officers by a Majority of Votes, to take the Command of sd Company and that the sd Baldwin and Foster Make Return of their Doing to the Chairman of this Committee.

Test: JOSEPH CRANE, *Chn.*

South east precinct 28th Augst 1775.

Having duly executed the above order of Committee we hereby Certifie, that the Company of Millitia of sd south east precinct agreeable to sd order, did assemble, and that they have by a fair Majority of Votes made choice of Commission Officers to take the Command of sd Company agreeable to the aforesd Resolution of Congress as follows (Viz) William Mott, Captn, Benjn Wiggins, 1st Lieut, Ebenzr Gage, 2 Lieut, Nathan Green, jur Ensign.

THOMAS BALDWIN,
NATHL FOSTER.

A True Copy of the Return,
Test: JOSEPH CRANE, *Chn.*

Election of Militia officers in Shawangunk Precinct, Ulster County.

[Military Returns, 27: 268.]

A Return of the names of the Captains Lieutenants and Ensigns for three Companies of Militia in the Precinct of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster, The paid Precinct being first Divided into three Districts or Beats in manner following Vizt, On the North West side of the Shawangunk Kill or River, To form one Company. Between the Shawangunk Kill and the Patty River to form one other Company, and on the South East side of Patty River to form one other Company. The several officers of Each Company Chosen Under the Inspection of two of the Committee are as follows,

For the North West side of Shawangunk River:
Thomas Jansen, Junr Captain,
Mathews Jansen, First Lieutenant,
Abraham Snider, second Lieutenant,
Peter Decker, Ensign.

For the District or beat Between the Shawangunk Kill and the Patty River:
Mathew Rea, Captain,
Siah Robinson, first Lieutenant,
Petrus Roosa, second Lieutenant,
James Hunter, Junr Ensign.

For the District or beat on the South East side of the Patty River:
Jacobus Rose, Captain,
Cornelius Masten, first Lieutenant,
Wilhelmus Van Demerk, second Lieutenant,
Isaac Hardenbergh, Ensign.

SHAWANGUNK, *August* 22d 1775.

The above is an Abstract from the Minutes of the proceedings of the Committee of Shawangunk Transmitted per order of the Committee.

J. BRUYN, *Chairman.*

Election of Militia Officers in Westchester and Yonkers.

[Military Returns, 26: 23; 27: 263.]

BOROUGH AND TOWN OF WESTCHESTER, 24th Augt 1775.

To The Honble Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

We the Subscribers appointed a sub Committee to inspect the Election of Militia Officers for the said Town, do most humbly Certify, that the following persons were Chosen this 24th day of Augt 1775, by a Majority of Voices duly qualified for that purpose, agreeable to the resolution of the Honble Congress above said (Viz) John Oakley, Captain, 1 Lieut. Nicha Berrien, 2 Lieut. Isaac Leggett, Ensign Frederick Phillipse Stevenson.

Committee. THOMAS HUNT, JAMES FERRIS, LEWIS GRAHAM.

Votes of the Militia Embodyed in ye Precinct of the Yonkers and of officers names this 24 August 1775. Viz:

ELECTORS.	CAPTAIN.	FIRST LIEUTENANT.	SECOND LIEUTENANT.	ENSIGN.
Paper torn	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	William Hadly,	William Betts,	George Hadly,
Paper torn	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Paper torn	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Izarell Underhill,	William Betts,	Jacob Post,
Anthony Allaire,	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Izarell Underhill,	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Hendrick Browne, Jur	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Thomas Merrill,	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Abraham Post,	Wm Betts,	William Hadly,	John Warner,	Martin Post,
Dennis Post.	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Uslal Fountain,	John Cock,	William Hadly,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Henry Tayler,	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Wm Rose.	John Cock,	William Betts.	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
James Munro,	John Cock,	William Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
John Warner,	Fredr V. Cortlandt.	William Betts,	Wm Hadly,	Jacob Post,
Thomas Oakly,	John Cock,	William Betts,	William Warner,	Isaac Post,
Charles Tayler.	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	Jacob Post,	John Warner,
Benjamin Farrington,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Robert Brown,	John Cock,	Wm Hadly,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Jacob Tayler,	John Cock,	Wm Hadly,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Henry Presher.	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Elijah Tayler,	John Cock,	Wm Hadly,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Joseph Oakley, Jun.	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Daniel Deen,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	Wm Hadly,	Jacob Post,
Thomas Farrington,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
James Parker,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Wm Post.	John Cock,	Wm Betts.	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Samuell Williams,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
James Crawford.	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
George Crawford,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
John Odle,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
John Devo,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Tobias Rickeman,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Abraham Odle,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Robert Farrington,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Francis Smith,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
William Green,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	Wm Betts,	Jacob Post,
Abraham Emmans,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,
Isaac Green,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Edward Ryer,	John Cock,	Wm Betts.	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Gilbert Brown,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Jacob Post,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Lewis Post,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,

Electors.	Captain.	First Lieutenant.	Second Lieutenant.	Ensign.
John Williams,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
George Hadly,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	William Betts,	John Cragier,
Isaac Hadley,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	William Betts,	Jacob Post,
Joseph Hadley,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	John Cragier,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Joshua Vermylica,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	Wm Hadly,	William Warner,
John Cartright,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
John Ryer,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	Wm Betts,	Wm Warner,
George Berian,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Hadly,	Wm Betts,	Jacob Post,
Izrael Post,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
John Cock,	Fredr V. Cortlandt,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Henry Bursen,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Abraham Asten,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
George Werts,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Abraham Vermylica,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Frederick Vermylica,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Edward Cartright,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Frederick Brown,	John Cock,	Wm Betts,	John Warner,	Jacob Post,
Elethan Tayler, Junr	John Cock.	Wm Betts.	John Warner.	Jacob Post.
	Majority for Captain John Cock.	Majority for first Lieutenant Willm Betts.	Majority for second Lieut. John Warner.	Majority for Ensign Jacob Post.

Election of Militia Officers in Newburgh.

[[Military Returns, 26: 29, 33.]

Newburgh, August 26th, 1775.

Honourable Gentlemen:—Agreeable to your directions of the 9th instant, the Militia Company of the North District of New Burgh Precinct, assembled on this 26th day of August, at the House of Lemuel Conklins and chose by a majority of Voices, of the Soldiers belonging to said District, the following persons for their Militia officers: Auther Smith Capt, Isaac Fowler Junr 1st Lieut, John Foster 2d Lieut, Daniel Clark, Ensign.

We are Gentn your very humbl Servts two of the Committee of New Burgh precinct.

MOSES HIGBY,
JOSEPH COLEMAN.

[Commissions issued & Dated 11th Octr 1775.]

New Burgh August 22d 1775.

Honourable Gentlemen:—Agreeable to your directions of the 9th inst the Militia Company of the South East District of New Burgh assembled on the Seventeenth instant, at the House of Colo Jonathan Hasbroucks and chose by Plurality of the Voices of the Soldiers of Said destrick the following Gentlemen for their Militia Officers (Viz) Samuel Clark Captain, Benjamin Smith 1st Lieutenant, James Denton Senr 2d Lieutenant, Maston Wygant Ensign.

We are Gentlemen Your Very Humb Serts

SAML SANDS,
MOSES HIGBY.

two of the Committee of New Burgh Precinct.

[Commissions Issued 11th Octr 1775.]

Return of the Field officers Captains and subalterns in the county of Tryon.

[Military Returns 26, 5.]

County of Tryon Committee Chamber Augst 26th 1775.

First Battallion—Canajohary:

Colonel Nicholas Herkheimer Esqr,
Lieut Col Ebenezer Cox,
Major Robert Wells,
Samuel Clyde, Adjutant.

1st Compy
Captn Samuel Clyde,
John Campbell junr 1st Lieut
James Cannon 2d Lieut.

2d Compy
Capt. Michel Grass,
Robert Campbell 1st Lieut,
Peter Bowman 2d Lieut.

3d Compy
Capt. Peter S. Tygert,
Henry Zimmerman 1st Lieut,
Benjamin Mackey 2d Lieut.

4th Compy
Capt. Jacob W. Seeber,
Francis Ute 1st Lieut,
Adam Libe 2d Do.

5th Compy
Capt. Henry Diefendorf,
Jacob Diefendorf 1st Lieut,
Henry Mayer 2d Do.

6th Compy
Capt. Abraham Copeman,
Yoost House 1st Lieut,
Jacobus Resner 2d Do.

7th Compy
Capt. Renier V. Everen,
Martin C. van alstyne, 1st Lieut,
James Guinall 2d Do.

8th Compy
Capt. Jacob Miller,
Peter Summer 1st Lieut,
Matthias Brown 2d Do.

9th Compy
Capt. Nicholas Weser,
Henry Bradt 1st Lieut.

Second Battallion—Palatine.

Colonl Jacob Clock,
Lieut Col Peter Waggoner,
Major Harmanus Van Slyck,
Anthony V. Fechten Adjut.

1 Capt. William Fox junr
John Hess 1st Lieut,
Peter Waggoner jr 2d Do.
Matthew Wormood Ensign.

2 Capt. Christophr P. Fox,
John Jas Clock 1st Lieut,
Jacob J. Clock 2d Do.

3 Capt. Christophr W. Fox,
Peter Loucks 1st Lieut,
Henry Miller 2d Do.
Samuel V. Etten, Ensign.

4 Capt. John Kayser, junr
Andreas Dillenbagh 1st Lieut,
Severinus Cook 2d Do.
Richard Coppernoll, Ensign.

5 Capt. John Breadbake,
John Sieley, 1st Lieut,
Jacob Ekert, 2d Do.

6 Capt. Nicholas Richter,
John Williams, 1st Lieut,
George Smith, 2d Do.
John Sholl, Ensign.

7 Capt. Christian House,
John Zimmerman, 1st Lieut,
John Bellinger, jur 2 Do.

Third Battallion—Mohawk.

Col Frederick Fisher,
Lieut-Col. Adam Fonda,
Major John Bliven,
Robert Yates, Adjut.

1 Capt. Jacob Gardinier,
Abraham D. Quackinbush, 1st Lieut,
William Hall, 2d Lieut,
Gideon Marlat, Ensign.

2 Capt. John Davis,
Abraham Vedder, 1st Lieut,
Jacob Simon, 2d Do.

3. Capt. Robert Yates,
Cobus Crommell, 1st Lieut,
Peter Yates, 2d Do,
Hendrick Lewis, Ensign.

4. Capt. John Fisher,
John Wemple, 1st Lieut,
Mindert W. Quackinbush, 2d Do.
Garret G. Van Brockler, Ensign.

5 Capt. Samuel Pettingill,
Thomas Caine, Lieut,
Samuel Barnhart, jur, Ensn.

6 Capt. Abner French,
David McMaster, Lieut,
Peter Van der Lenden, Ensn.

7. Capt. Lewis Croat,
Jeremiah Swarts, 1st Lieut,
Christian Earnest, 2 Do.
Emanuel Degraft, Ensign.

8. Capt. Abraham Hodges,
Joseph Yeamans, 1st Lieut,
Abel Hunt, 2d Do.
Amos Bennet, Ensign.

Fourth Battallion—German Flatts and Kingsland.

Colonl Hanyoost Herkheimer,
Lieut Coll Peter Bellinger,
Major Hanyoost Shoemaker,
John Demooth, Adjut.

1st Compy
Capt John Eisenlord,
John Kayser, 1st Lieut,
Adam Bellinger, 2d Do.
John Smith, Ensign.

2d
Capt. John Petry,
Hanyoost Mx Petry, 1st Lieut,
Hanyoost H. Petry, 2d Do.
William Empie, Ensign.

3d
Capt. Daniel Petry,
Peter Volts, 1st Lieut,
Marx Raspach 2d Do.
George Helbner, Ensn.

4th
Capt. Frederick Bellinger,
Henry Harter, 1st Lieut,
John Demooth, 2d Do.
Peter Ja. Weaver, Ensn.

5th
Capt. Peter Bellinger,
Jacob Basehaust, 1st Lieut,
Nicholas Staring, 2d Do.
John P. Bellinger, Ensn.

6th
Capt. Hanyoost Herkheimer,
Frederick Ahrendorf, 1st Lieut,
Tinus Clapsaddle, 2d Do.

7th
Capt. Rudolph Shoemaker,
Dieterick Stale, 1st Lieut,
Frederick Shoemaker, 2d Do.

8th
Capt. George Herkheimer,
Frederick Fox, 1st Lieut,
Archibald Armstrong, 2d Lieut,
Hanyoost Tygert, Ensign.

9th
Capt. William Tygert,
Jacob Volts, 1st Lieut,
George Wents, 2d Do.
Frederick Frank, Ensign.

By Order of the Committee,
NICHOLAS HERKHEIMER, *Chairman.*

Petition of Joseph Johnson, a Mohegan Indian.

[Petition 31: 106.]

New York August 26th AD 1775.

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

I, Joseph Johnson an Indian of the Mohegan Tribe humbly offereth the few following lines for your Honors consideration.

Honorable Gentlemen, it is with great reluctance I present this humble petition, considering the unhappy situation of Publick affairs at this time, but pure necessity obliges me in this day of distress, in this day of confusion, to trouble your Honors a few moments. Your Honors doubtless have heard that for this some time past, poor me, hath been much concerned about my poor sinking, decaying Brethern the Indians that are scattered up and down amongst the English Inhabitants in perticular in the New England governments, and that for this long time I have been unweariedly seeking their wellfare, and in order that they might be truly benefited, I have endeavoured to get them unitedly willing to go westward, and there to settle together in peace and be under proper Regulations, and through Divine favour

I have after many weary steps, and after I have gone through many hardships got secured unto seven Tribes of my Indian Brethern that live amongst the English Inhabitants a Large Tract of good Land, bordering on your Frontiers. Honorable Gentlemen, many pleasing Prospects opened to my view, when this Design first came into my mind. I had had not only the hopes of having the pleasure of seeing my now poor Brethern in a prosperous way, but I had the hopes of our leading our western Brethern, by our example in the ways of Industry, Husbandry, and Civility and above all in the ways of wisdom, in the ways of Godliness; these and such like hopes, Honorable Gentlemen, hath, all along animated my Soul, and made me Comfortable in the most Severe hardships that I have undergone when I have been destitute, as it were of all other Comforts in the Wild desert.—Such was my pleasing hopes in times past; and this great good to my Indian Brethern not only in the Eastern parts, But in the Western parts of this Country. I have been eagerly, and still hope to persue. Honorable Gentlemen, I would inform your Honors that I have had no proper encouragement, I have had no particular Party or Board to look unto, for my support while engaged in such a good Cause, But never the less the gracious Lord in whom I trust, hath been pleased to give me able friends in different parts of the Country to Espouse the Cause and hath made them willing to contribute out of their abundance a little for my Necessitnous Circumstances in times Past, and I bless the Lord for all the hitherto's of his goodness to me, and especially for his giving me favour in the eyes and hearts of his People in this Colony from whom I have received the greatest encouragements, and who hath greatly relieved me in times of my greatest distress; and Now Honorable Gentlemen, but this once more, I humbly and earnestly solicit your Honors kindness, hoping that I may not again have occasion to trouble your Honors in the like manner—doubtless it is necessary, that your Honors should know the true state of the Matter, which I will endeavour to acquaint your Honors in few words as poss'ble. Honorable Gentlemen, when I left this City last June, with my three Indian Companions, and safely arrived where my friends and relations dwell, I tarried with them about two weeks, then thinking it my indispensable Duty to return directly to the Oneida Country and amongst the rest of the Six Nations; without any hesitation I hastily, and chearfully ran in the Path of Duty. But in order for a quick Dispatch as then was thought most expedient, I was advised by several to hire or purchase a horse; to which I readily complied; seeing I could not hire any I was obliged to take a horse upon credit, expecting that the Colony of Connecticut, would consider of me, as I was repeatedly enformed by the members of the Honorable assembly, that I was verily Chosen, with another Indian of the same Tribe to which I belong, to carry a message of Peace to the Back Nations, and that the Expences of the Journey should be paid out of the Colony Treasury, and the Honorable Governor had given me Express orders, to be ready at an hours warning &c.

But two days before the appointed time that the Honorable Governor appointed that we should set out for the intended Journey, his Honor the governor was pleased to send a Letter to my intended Companion, who was older than myself informing him that there was no occasion of our going up, as he expected to have an oppertunity to send the message with less expence; however it is known since that his Honor the Governor was disappointed in his expectations, his message was delivered only ten days ago, as it were to no purpose for the Western Indians had already been acquainted of the true state of affairs in this and in the other Country beyond the great Lake, and the six nations had already come to peacable conclusions, and Honorable Gentlemen altho things happened as they did, yet I thought it my duty, tho I have no encouragement from any to go to the back Nations, and do my utternost to persuade them to peace altho at the Hazzard, or expence of my own Life, as it was then reported in the Country that they were disposed for Cruelty or for War. And according to my promise to this Honorable the Provincial Congress last June, I set out with all speed the 17th day of July last expecting to receive a Message at Albany from this Honorable Congress, for the six Nations. But when I arrived at Albany the Honorable Mr Abrm Yates, and several other gentlemen enformed me that your Honors had not sent a Message as was intended

last June, however the Honorable Committee of Albany thought proper, and did send by me a Letter of friendship to the back Nations, to whom I delivered the same in good time.—Honorable Gentlemen, I would Just inform you that when I left home I had only twenty shillings Lawfull money of Connecticut Currency and ten shillings of that money I left with my dear Companion in Life, how she and our only son hath fared since I know not, it is now six weeks lacking one day since I left them, and with the other ten shillings I made shifts to get to Albany, and the Honorable Committee after knowing my circumstance was graciously pleased to consider of me, and bountifully relieved me, helped me forward the intended Journey, and by their aid I have accomplished the Journey and returned thus far in peace, and comfortably,—and I had only five shillings this currency when I arrived here. I would made application to the Honorable Congress before but I thought the affecting Situation of affairs, did forbid, but now how to proceed or what to do I know not.—I am sensable that I am utterly unable to make satisfaction for the horse which was valued at £11.10 Connecticut Currency, and it is no ways likely that the Man will take the horse again upon any consideration, and what to do I know not, well had it been for me to proceeded as I intended in the first place, that is to have gone foot, but being put to the extreems, I am constrained this once, and but this once to try your Honors Benevolence, and now your Honors have heard of my true Circumstances, and may it please you to consider of me a moment, while I with all submission lay prostrate, as it were, at your Honors feet and while I chearfully resign my unhappy case to your great wisdom, confessing that if any favor, or encouragement in the least be granted it will be purely out of favour, and shall be received with the warmest gratitude, and I hope that so long as I live, your Honors may never see me lacking at any time from doing my uttermost as I may have oppertunity, or as I may be called in Providence to cultivate, maintain, and establish Peace, between you and yours, and my Brethern that inhabit on the Borders of your extensive frontiers—But I end hoping that the Lord who Knoweth all things, and hath all power in his hands may give me favour in the eyes, and hearts of this Respectable Body, the Honorable the Provincial Congress that I may go on my way rejoicing, and may the Gracious Lord order all things in great mercy concerning us all. I am Honorable Gentlemen with great esteem your well wisher, and yours to serve,

JOSEPH JOHNSON.

P.S. I also humbly beseech your Honors to grant me a Passport for myself, that I may return home unmolested in these perilous times, and if there should be occasion that I might Pass, and repass to and from the Country of the Six Nations to New England or elsewhere as business might call me at any time, the which if your Honors grant will much gladen the dejected heart of your Humble Petitioner. I am *Ut Ante.*

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Election of Officers in Dutchess County.

[Military Returns, 26: 194.]

At a meeting of the Severall Companys in the North East Precinct, agreeable to the Resolves of the Continental Congress the following Gentlemen was chosen officers in their Respective Companys:

1st Company
Isaac Smith, Capt.
Jacob Weaver, 1st Lieut.
Silas Husted, 2 Do.
Micheal Row, Junr Insign.

2d Company
Archabald Johnston, Capt.
Abraham Hartwell, 1st Lieut.
John Seaton, 2d Do.
Gilbert Clap, Insign.

3d Company
John Collins, Capt.
James Willson, 1st Lieut.
Zacheriah Phillip, 2d Do,
——— ——— Insign.

4th Company
Israel Thompson, Capt.
Stephen Edgett, 1st Levt
John Row, 2d Do.
Jehial Mead, Insign.

This Certific that the above Gentlemen was Elected Agreeable to the above mentioned Resolves.

MORRIS GRAHAM,
HUGH REA,
WILLIAM STEWART,
AUGUSTINE GRAHAM,
DANIEL WILLSON,
HUGH ORR,
GEO. MOREHOUSE.

Members of Committee appointed to attend the Election.

August 26, 1775. Col Ten Broecks Reg^{t}
[Commissions Issued Oct 19, 1775.]

Petition of Messrs. Murray, Sansom & Co.

[Petitions, 31: 132.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of New York.

Gentlemen: Being informed that you had come to a Resolution that no Provisions shall be ship^{d} out of this Colony without first obtaining Permition of you, In consequence of which Order we think it our Duty to acquaint you that the Ship Peggy, Cap^{t} Banon, had on Board before Resolve was made about 7400 Bushels of Wheat, with which she was Cleard and Sail'd as far as Cunny Island which Cargoe we did intend she should have gone to Sea with, (altho' there was about 500 Bushels wanting to Compleat her Load) as we were determined not to Transgress your Orders.

We therefore hope you will Grant us Permition to take on Board the Remainder of her Cargoe and proceed to Falmouth in England as at first intended.

Your Compliance will much oblige your Hum^{l} Serv^{ts}

MURRAY, SANSOM & C^{o}

New York 28 August 1775. FRED^{K} RHINELANDER.

Petition of Charles McEvers.

[Petitions, 31: 132.]

Charles M^{c}Evers & Company informs the Honb^{le} Provincial Congress, that they have purchased a Cargo of Wheat, which is now Loading on Board the Ship Albany James Bunyan Master for Lisbon, and that no other articles of Provisions is to be Loaded on board said Ship. They are ready to give any security required that this Ship & Cargo shall proceed direct to Lisbon.

They therefore pray that permition may be given for this Ship to finish her Loading and proceed on Her Voyage.

New York Aug^{t} 28th 1775.

Petition of Messrs. Remsen and Reade.

[Petitions, 31: 128.]

New York 28th Aug. 1775.

Gentlemen: We request a permission for our Sloop Charlotte, Cap^{t} Marriot, to depart for Kingston in the Island of Jamaica with a Cargo of 330 barrels of Flour & some Staves now on board, & and we intend to put on board 20 or 30 barrels of Lamp oil (if to be had) and to fill up with Staves.

We had engaged a parcel of Ship bread from M^{r} Phœnix which was assigned to him & some other Gentlemen for the use of the Poor by M^{r} Ab. Van Vleck a late

delinquent, but on considering your late Resolves, we decline asking a permission for that Article.

We are most respectfully Gentlemen Your Obed^{t} & Very Humb Serv^{ts}

HENRY REMSEN,
JN^{O} READE.

Return of Officers elected in the City of New York.

[Military Returns, 26: 100.]

NEW YORK COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 29th Aug^{t} 1775.

The Sub-Committees appointed to Superintend the election of Officers in the different Beats in this City agreeable to a Resolution of the provincial Congress of the 9th Instant, Reported as follows (Viz)

No	*Captains.*	*1st Lieutenants.*	*2d Lieutenants.*	*Ensigns.*
1.	Peter Stoutenburgh,	Henry Brasher,	Daniel Marsh,	James McAtill,
2.	Samuel Johnson,	Mama^{k} Foster,	William Elsworth,	Jacob Brewer,
3.	Mangle Minthorn,	William Cock,	Jona^{n} Swiggard,	Peter R. Merverick,
4.	James Browne,	Andrew Losee,	William Needham,	John Belitha,
5.	Anthony Lispenard,	James Wessels,	Patrick Welsh,	Barnt Savage,
6.	peter Elting,	William Remsen,	Barach Hays,	Abram Van Varck,
7.	John Roome,	Jn^{o} L. C. Roome,	William Wiseham,	Timothy Wood,
8.	Benjamin James,	John Turner,	William Peirson,	Jn^{o} Burroughs,
9.	George Janeway,	Jn^{o} Walter,	William Crolius,	Thomas Campbell,
10.	Gerret Abeel,	Coonrad W Ham,	Daniel Wickham,	Thomas Ten Eyck,
11.	Nicholas Low,	[illegible] Kipp,	Joseph Cox,	Thomas Barclay,
12.	Peter Berton,	Robert Benson,	John King,	Cary Dunn,
13.	Benj^{a} Carpenter,	William Turner,	David Wolf,	Joseph Wintor,
14.	George Dominic,	Pardon Burlingham,	Henry York,	Thomas Van Pelt,
15.	Henry Remsen,	John Reade,	William Deming,	Cornelius Day,
16.	Gerret S. Dewint,	Nich^{s} Carmer,	John Weeks,	Peter Kissam,
17.	Richard Fletcher,	Peter Schermerhorn,	James Tyler,	Robert Carter,
18.	Will^{m} Depeyster,	Peter Byvank,	Abm^{n} W Depeyster,	John Stiles,
19.	Nich^{s} N. Anthony,	Jacob Clock,	Robert Hodge,	James Johnson,
20.	Thom$_{s}$ W. Moore,	Viner Kittletas,	Daniel McCormick,	Henry Mitchell,
21.	Daniel Phenix,	Thomas Tucker,	John Remsen,	Charles Deryce,
22.	Nich^{s} Roosevelt,	Tobias Van Zandt,	John Lawrence,	James Boggs,
23.	Daniel Shaw,	Gerar^{s} Beekman,	John Buchannan,	Adolph De Grove jun,
24.	John Warner.	John Arding.	Joseph Van Pelt.	Will^{m} Arnold.

A True Copy from the Minutes

HENRY REMSEN, Dep. Chairman.

[Commissions Issued 15th Sept 1775.]

Officers of the Brookhaven Company.

[Mil. Rct. 26: 63.]

Officers chosen the 29th day of August A D 1775 by the fourth Company of Militia in Brookhaven, are as follows: William Brewster, Captain, Isaac Davis, first Lieutenant, Uriah Smith, Second Lieutenant, Benjamin Woodhull, Ensign.

Under the Inspection of us

DANIEL ROE,
NAT^{L} HALLOCK.
Committeemen.

Petition of Abraham De Peyster.

[Petitions, 31: 122.]

Abraham De Peyster of the City of New York Merchant

Humbly prays the Provincial Congress now sitting in this City that he be permitted to Load the Sloop Charity with two hundred Bushels of Corn, four Tons of Ship

Bread, two hogsheads of dried Codd, and ten Douzen of Poultry, the Cargoe being already purchased and Part on Board, bound for the Island of Antigua, or some one other of the West India Islands: and for this purpose he further prays the permit of this honorable Board.

To the honorable provincial Congress.

New York August 29th 1775.

Petition of William Malcom.

[Petitions, 31: 124.]

William Malcom requests permission from the Congress for the departure of the Sloop Thistle Captain Haddick to St. Eustatia with the following Cargo, viz:

16 barrell of Ship bread — for Stores & Cargo,
40 Dº —— apples,
150 bushells Indian Corn { 150 more to go on board this morning.
30 boxes of Spermaceti Candles,
8 Cases of Furniture,
15,000 feet of Lumber,
4,000 hoops,
20,000 Shingles,
30 barl Carnell,
—— bunches of Onions.

New York, Augt 20, 1775. WM MALCOM.

Bill of Lading.

[Petitions, 31: 172.]

New York 30th Augst 1775.

Recd on Board the Sloop Victory whereof I am Master (in good order & well conditioned) the undermentioned goods which I promise to deliver to the Chairman of the Committee at Providence in Rhode-Island, or to his assigns (the danger of the Seas, and seizures only excepted) He or they paying Freight for the same, One Pound Twelve Shillings for the Baggage & Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings for the Passage of 2 Servants, and their Accommodations while on Board Vizt:

2 Trunks Marked C. F. Esqr
1 Valise with Bedding, Lt French 22 Regt
2 Trunks Marked Ensign Rotton 45th
1 Valise —— do 2 Canteens,
1 Bed Case — do marked Ensign Rotton,
1 Fiddle Case do Hat Case Do
2 Trunks do Mr McDermott,
1 Bed Box do do
1 Small Trunk do
1 Valise Bedding do

BENJA LINDSEY.

Provincial Congress to Gov Trumbull.

[Military Committee, 25: 127.]

In Provincial Congress, New York Augt 30th 1775.

Sir: Since writing you the 25th Instant we have been agreeably surprised to learn from our Commissary that he had purchased materials for a much larger number of Tents than we imagined. We have therefore the pleasure to acquaint you that he

has our orders to forw^{d} with all possible Expedition the number of Tents required for Coll: Hinman's Regiment: So that you need give yourself no further trouble to provide materials for that purpose.

We are Sir Most Respectfully Your Humble Serv^{ts}

By Order.

To the Hon^{ble} Jonathan Trumbull Esq^{r} of the Colony of Connecticut.

Election of Militia Officers.

[Military Returns, 26: 31.]

At a meeting of the Company whereof Jacob Concklin is chosen Captain on Thursday the 31st Augst under the inspection of W^{m} Harding and H. Smith 2 Comittee &c the following persons, by a Plurality of Voices where chosen and elected (to witt) Jacob Concklin, Capt, Jacob Lawrence 1st Lieut, David Guion 2^{d} Lieut, Roger Barton, Ensign. Performed agreeable to the directions of Congress.

WILLIAM HARDING,
HENRY SMITH.

Examination of Soldiers who Arrested Sheriff White.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 365.]

The examination of Jehiel Jackson Sergeant in Major Elmore's Company & Col. Hinman's Regiment:

This Examinant Saith that he was present & assisting at the taking Prisoners Alexander White Esqr & and three white Men & three Indians at Mr Gilliland's. That he hath heard the said swear, he would be revenged on said Gilliland within twenty Days after his Release, for his abuse to him, and that a great many of the innocent Inhabitants should Share the same Fate and this he repeated frequently.

The Examination of Archilaus Whitten Soldier in Same Company & Regiment.

This Examinant Saith that he was one of the party that stayed to guard the Boats when the rest took Alexander White and the Persons above mentioned. That he heard Lewis Clement one of the white Prisoners say that Mr Gilliland would repent what he had done in less than nine Days and that innocent People should suffer by it.

The Examination of Levy Wilkinson Soldier in Captain Griswolds. Company & Same Regiment.

This Examinant Saith he was present and assisting at the taking the Prisoners aforesaid—That the Indians said they came to take Mr Gilliland, to which this examinant answering that they had not got him yet, they replied that the White Men meant to have him before many Days.

The Examination of Joseph Corkins Soldier in Major Elmore's Company & Same Regiment.

This Examinant Saith he was present and assisting at taking the prisoners aforesaid—That the Indians said they came to take Mr Gilliland and on its being remarked that they had not got him yet, answered that they (meaning the white Men) would soon have him.

A true Copy,
JOHN BAY, *Secy.*

Petition of John McKinney.

[Petitions, 31: 118.]

To the Honorable Members of the Provincial Congress at this Time Conven'd in the City of New York.

The Petition of John McKinney, Most Humbly Sheweth:

That Your Petitioner with his Wife and family are under the greatest Distress of mind at the confinement and misfortunes of Captain John Kendall who has

for some time past been married to Your Petitioners Daughter who is very lately brought to Bed and now lies in so truly deplorable a manner that her Life is much dispaired of, and that in great part attributed to her husbands present unhappy situation.

That Your Petitioner is unspeakably concern'd at the said John Kendalls being under the censure and displeasure of this Honorable Board, but does not mean to vindicate in the least any misconduct he may have been guilty off. Only means hereby to hope his Own and Familys present unhappyness may be speedily alleviated by Your Feeling Consideration.

That Your Petitioner has been many years an Inhabitant of this City, has with great care and trouble brought up a large family, is a Free man and Freeholder and would willingly become the said John Kendall's security, that he shall in future behave himself in a becoming manner, that he shall not take up arms or otherwise behave offensively against the Continental army, nor shall go on Board any of his Majesty's ships of War, or that he shall go to the West Indies, Or otherwise Your Petitioner is willing to be bound as this Honorable Board shall see reasonable and requisite.

Wherefore Your Petitioner earnestly prays that the premisses may in the most convenient Time be taken into consideration by this Honorable Board, that his security may be taken for the future good conduct of the said John Kendall and he thereupon discharged from his present confinement; for which great favour, Your Petitioner with his family will ever most sincerly pray, &c.

City of New York 2d Septemr 1775. JOHN McKINNEY.

Election of Militia Officers in Dutchess County.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 110, 138.]

Return of the names of the Captains and Subalterns chosen for the Minute Companies in Colo Swartwout's Regiment in Dutchess County:

Poughkeepsie precinct.

1st John Schenck, Capt.
Docr Peter Tappan, 1st Lieut.
John Child, 2d Do.
Matthew Van Keuren, Ensign.

Rumbout.

2d (no election.)

Beckmans.

3d (no election.)

[Commissions issued.]

Pauldings.

4th Phenias Woodward, Capt.
Comfort Shaw, 1st Lieut.
Mark Williams, 2d Do.
Gideon Osterhout, Jr., Ensign.

South East.

5th Joshua Barnum, Jur Capt.
William Murch, 1st Lieut.
Eliakim Barnum, 2d Do.
Jonathan Crane, Ensign.

A Return of the Names of the Persons elected Officers in the five Companies of Militia in the precinct of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County:

1st Company.

Simon Westfall, Capt.
Petes Westfall, 1st Lieut.
Wilhelmus Smith, 2d do.
Abraham Dels, Ensign.

2d Company.

William Radclift, Capt.
Abraham T. Kip, 1st Lieut.
John De Wit, 2d Do.
Johannes Moore, Ensign.

3rd Company.

Martin Hoffman, Capt.
Johannes Klum, 1st Lieut.
Zachariah Hoffman, Junr 2d Do.
John J. Heermanse, Ensign.

4th Company.

David Van Ness, Capt.
Godtlop Martin, 1st Lieut.
Frederick Bender, 2d Do.
Cornelius Elmendorph, Ensign.

5th Company.
Jacobus Kip, Capt.
Everardus Bogardus, 1st Lieut.
Jacob Tremper, 2d Do.
Benjamin Van Steenburgh, Ensign.

By Order of the Precinct Committee
EGBT BENSON, *Chairman.*

RHINEBECK PRECINCT, Dutchess County, Sept. 3, 1775.
[Commissions Issued Sept. 20, 1775.]

Election of Officers in the Second Ulster Regiment.

[Military Returns, 26: 104.]

Ulster County, ss.

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York, or in their absence, to the Committee of Safety for said Province or their Secretary, Greeting.

GENTN, These are to Certify that on Saturday the fourth day of Septr One Thousand Seven hundred and seventy five, Personally appeared Before us, Colonel James McClaghry, Nathan Smith Esqr and Samuel Sly, three of the Committee of the Precinct of New Windsor in the Second Regiment of Ulster County, the Company formerly Commanded by the aforesaid James McClaghry in our presence, Agreeable to your Votes, did then and there choose by the Majority—William Telford of Little Britain in the aforesaid Beat, Precinct and Regiment, for their Captn James Falkanter of the aforenamed Place for their First Lieut, and Alexander Betty as aforesaid for their second Lieut; and that on the Twenty Second day of July last past, Did likewise choose John Burnet in the aforesaid manner for their Ensign; we therefore Gentlemen, Agreeable to your Return, Pray that you will send Commissions for the aforesaid Persons Agreeable to our Return; And by So doing you will serve your Constituents, and Your own Very Humble Servants.

Given under our hands the day and Year above Writen,

JAMES McCLAGHRY,
NATHAN SMITH,
SAMUEL SLY.

Election of Militia Officers at Southold.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 79.]

September, 4th 1775.

A Return of Officers of the Militia Chosen at Southold, Mr William Smith and Thomas Fanning, two of the Committee, Present for that Purpose, and Conformable to and auth'y of the Provintial Congress of New York, and was chosen duly for the third Company: Nathan Rose, Capting, Hugh Smith, First Lieut. David Fanning, Second Lieut. John Smith, Ensign.

THOMAS FANNING,
WM SMITH.

[Commissions Isssued Sept 17th 1775.]

Election of Militia Officers at Brookhaven.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 81, 84.]

September the 4th 1775.

A Return of the Officers of the Malitia Chosen at Brookhaven, Nathaniel Roe, Junior, Richard Woodhull and Samuel Thompson, Present for that purpose and

Conformable to the Recommendation of the Provincial Congress, for first Company of Brookhaven: Samuel Thompson, Captain, Abraham Woodhull, Lieutenant, Isaac Davis, Second Lieutenant, Daniel Saterly, Ensign.

NATHANIEL ROE,
RICHARD WOODHULL,
SAMUEL THOMPSON.

Agreeable to an order of the Provincial Congress, the Second Company in Brook haven (1st Regt) Commanded by Captn Ebenzr Miller was called together on the fifth day of September, and after reading to them the Directions given by the Provincial Congress, Proceeded to the Election as follows and Chose Ebenezer Miller for their Captain, Caleb Woodhall first, and James Davis second Lieutenants and Davis Davis, Ensign.

Certified by us members of the Commity, who were present and Saw them fairly elected on the Day above said between the hours of three and Six in the afternoon.

Present in Brookhaven this 5th day of Septr 1775.

THOMAS HELME,
JOHN WOODHULL, } *Committe.*
NOAH HALLOCH.

Election of Officers of West Suffolk County Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 216.]

At a Meeting of the Several Committees of Huntington, Smith Town, Brookhaven, the Manor of St. George's and the Patent Ship of Meriches held at Smith Town Sept 7, 1775 for the purpose of Nominating field Officers for the west Regiment in Suffolk County. *Present:*

from Huntington.	*Smith Town.*	*Brook Haven, &c.*
John Sloss Hobart, Esqr.	Thomas Tredwell,	William Smith,
Thomas Wickes, Esq.	Jeffrey Smith,	Thomas Fanning,
Docr Gilbert Potter,	Jacob Mills,	Noah Hallock,
Capn Timothy Carll,	Jonas Mills,	Willm Brewster,
Henry Scudder,	Samuel Phillips,	Jonathan Baker,
Stephen Ketchum,	Philetus Smith,	John Woodhull,
Thomas Brush Junr	Edmund Smith,	Joseph Brown,
John Squier,	Daniel Smith.	Samuel Thompson,
Ebenezer Platt.		Daniel Roe,
		Nathaniel Roe.

Mr. William Smith Chosen Chairman.

By a Verbal message from Colo Platt Conkling by Capt Carll, and by information from several other People, it appears to this meeting that he declines accepting of a Commission. The meeting then Proceeded to the business of nominating field officers for the above mentioned Regiment, which nomination is as follows (Viz)

for a *Colonel*,	William Floyd Esqr,	Living in the	Manor of	St George's,
Lieut Do.,	Doctr Gilbert Potter	"	"	Huntington,
first Major,	Capt Nathan Woodhull	"	"	Brook Haven,
Second Do.,	Edmund Smith Jur	"	"	Smith Town,
Adjutant,	Phillips Roe	"	"	Brook Haven,
Quarter Master,	James Roe	"	"	Do.

The Question being put whether this meeting would proceed to recommend or Nominate to our Deputies in Provincial Congress a Person for a Brigadier General, was Carried in the affirmative, and Colo Nathaniel Woodhull being Proposed, was unanimously agreed to. By order of the Committee

[Commissions Issued Oct 11, 1775.] WM SMITH, *Chn.*

Petition of the Militia of Fordham and West Farms.

[Petitions, 31: 114.]

To the Honorable Provincial Congress, for the province of New York.

The petition of the subscribers Inhabitants of the Manor of Fordham and West Farms in the County of Westchester, Humbly Sheweth,

That we are summoned to appear at Westchester in Order to Choose Officers according to the Resolution of the Congress, it having been Represented (as we understand) that there was not a competent number of men in our District, to form a Company. We Therefore beg leave to inform that the Manor of Fordham and the West Farms have in the Militia always been considered as a district by themselves and that within their limits there is upwards of Seventy men fitt to bear arms. And that an attendance at Westchester upon the meeting of the Company will be attended with great Inconvenience to many of the Inhabitants and therefore Injurious to the service intended to be advanced from which Considerations your petitioners Humbly pray the Honorable Congress will be pleased to order that the Manor of Fordham and the West Farms have a Company within themselves and that they Elect their own Officers under such Inspection as the Honorable Congress in their wisdom shall think best. And your petitioners shall ever pray.

Nicholas Berrien,
Isaac Valintine,
Peter Valintine,
John Stevens,
Benjamin Curser,
Abraham Dyckman,
John Turner,
Benjamin Valentine,
Georg his x mark Pilpet,
Isaac Valintine, Junior,
Peter Bussing, Juner,
Peter Bussing,
Abraham Wils,
Benjamin Curser, Jr
Hendrick Ryer,
John Lint,
John Ryer,
Isaac Corser,
Isaac Corser, Jur
tunus Leforge,
Phillip Hunt,
Stephen Embree,
Nathaniel Lawrene,
Peter Devoe,
James Swaim,
Nazareth Breuer,
Thomas Hunt,
Abram Leggett,
William Leggett,
John Leggett, Junr
Robert Hunt, Junr
Cornelius Leggett,
Mr Woods,
John Hedger,
Thomas Hedger,
Stephen Edwards,
James Rock,
George Higby,
Jacob Hunt,
Levi Hunt,
Jeremiah Regen,
James McKay,
Robert Campbell,
Eden Hunt,
Isaac Hunt,
James Archer,
Samuel Embree, Junr
Edward Harris,
John Collard,
Cornelius Jacobs,
hezekiah Ward,
Tunis Garrison,
Isack Cant,
Gilbert Taylor,
Robert Gilmer,
Benjamin Archer, Junr
Daniel Devoe, Jur
John Embree, Senr
Jacob Lent,
Abram his x mark Lent,
Dennis Ryer,
Jacob Valentine,
Abraham garison,
James Grobe,
John Embree, Junr
Thomas Cromwell,
Gerrardus Cromwell,
Obadiah Hide,
John Cursor,
Sirion Williams,
John Ryer, Junr
Jacob Chappel,
John Garrison,
John Jacobs,
Thomas Dogherty,
John Clark,
John Devoe,
John Blizard,
John Walbrin,
John Warnick,
Thomas Gemble.

September 5. 1775.

Officers of the Dutchess County Companies.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 196, 200, 226.]

Agreeable to the late Recommendation of our Provincial Congress, under the direction and Inspection of the Committee of Amenia Precinct on the 5th day of Sept 1775 was chosen by the Soldiers of each Company as follows:

In the Oldest or first Company.
William Barker, Capt.
Job Mead, 1st Lieut,
Noah Hopkins, 2d Do.
Abner Gillet, Ensign.

Second Company.
Brinton Paine, Capt.
Samuel Waters, 1st Lieut.
Ichabod Holmes, 2d Do.
William Brush, Ensign.

Third Company.
Joshua Lasell, Capt.
Colbe Chamberlain, 1st Lieut.
David Doty, 2d Do.
Elisha Barlow, Ensign.

Fourth Company.
Robert Freeman, Capt.
Elijah Smith, 1st Lieut.
Ezra Saint John, 2d Do.
Noah Wheeler, Ensign.

Test: ROSWELL HOPKINS,
Clerk of the Said Precinct & of the Committee.

[Commissions issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Dutchess County, Amenia Precinct, Septr 6th 1775.

A Minute Company being formed in said Precinct agreeable to the Recommendation of our Provincial Congress, the Company met and made Choice of—Increase Child, Capt., John Lloyd, 1st Lieut., William Blunt, 2 Do., Josiah Morse, Ensign.

Test: ROSWELL HOPKINS, } *Committee.*
JOSHUA LASELL, }

[Commissions issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

A Return of Officers for Charlotte Precinct, by the Committees of the said Precinct, the 6th and 7th Septr 1775.

(1) The *North Destrict*, late Sharpstones Company:
Capt. Henry Humphrey,
1st Lieut. Smith Southerland,
2d Do. Silas German,
Ensign, George Krankhet.

(2) The *South Destrict*, late Sharpstones Company:
Capt. Isaac Bloom,
1st Lieut. John Gaseley, Junr
2d Do. John Williams,
Ensign, David Jenis.

(3) The *West Destrict*, late Tobias's Company:
Capt. Benjamin Delevargne,
1st Lieut. David Handy,
2 Do. William Woodworth,
Ensign, Joseph Harris.

(4) The *East Destrict*, late Tobias's Company:
Capt. Jacob Tobias,
1st Lieut. Israel Plat,
2d Do. Caleb Hyat,
Ensign, Gilbert Warden.

(5) The *North Destrict*, late D. Southerlands Company:
Capt. Ebenezer Husted,
1st Lieut. Jonathan Mead,
2d Do. James Talmage,
Ensign, Stephen Adset.

(6) The *South Destrict*, late D. Southerlands Company:
Capt. Roger Southerland,
1st Lieut. Josiah Gale,
2d Do. Thos Jenckes,
Ensign, Joel Horskins.

(7) The *South Destrict*, late Stoutenburghs Company:
Capt. William Gay,
1st Lieut. Joseph Hagaman,
2d Do. Francis Leroy,
Ensign, Paul Vananden.

(8) The *Middle Destrict*, late Stoutenburghs Company.
Capt. Isaac Conklin,
1st Lieut. Peter Shults,
2d Do. Josiah Burton,
Ensign, Ebenezer Mott.

(9) The *North Destrict*, late Stoutenburghs Company:
Capt. Peter Stoutenburgh,
1st Lieut. Elijah Harreck,
2d Do. Hugh Wilde,
Ensign, Joseph Hambleton.

Sept. 14, 1775. By Order of the Committee
JOHN BARNES, *Chairman.*

[Commissions issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Election of Officers at New Marlborough.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 35, 37, 41.]

A List of the officers Chosen in a Company of foot, in Newmarlbourgh, Ulster County, agreeable to the Directions of the Congress: Bordawine tearpenny, Capt, William Martin, 1st Lieut, Uriah Drake, 2d Lieut, John Everett, Ensign.

Witness my Hand September 6, 1775. BENJ. CARPENTER, Cheairman.

[Commissions issued & Dated 11th Oct. 1775.]

Ulster County, Newmolborough, Sept. the 30, 1775.

To the Honourable provincial Congress at New York.

At an Election of Officers at New molborough agreeable to the Directions of the Congress, Have Chosen By the Majority of Votes, In the N. E. District of Sd precinct, Begining at Hutsons River at Lewis Deboys North line: Runing west to the mountains, thence North to the New paltz line, thence to the River: Jacob Wood, Captain, Juryan Mackey 1 Levtanant, Nathaniel Goodspeed, 2 Do., John Knowlton, Ensine.

We the Inspectors being two of the Committy of the sd District, Being in Colonell Harsebrook Ridgment. 2 of the Comite. present. JOSEPH MOREY,
RICHARD CARPENTER.

[Commissions issued & Dated 17th Octr 1775.]

New marlbourgh, October ye 2d 1775.

At a Regular Election held this day in the South East district of New Marlbourgh Precinct, agreeable to the Resolves of the Provincial Congress, was chosen by a majority of Voices of the Soldiers of the Militia Company of said District, commanded by Colo Jonathan Hasbrouck, the following Officers: Caleb Merritt, Capt., Abijah Perkins, 1st Lieut., Stephen Case, 2d Lieut., Mathew Wygant, Ensign. which Choice was made in the presence of us the Subscribers two of the Committee of said Precinct. We are gentlemen your very Humble Serts.

JOHN WOOLSEY,
NICK WHYGANT.

Petition of the Firemen of New York.

[Petitions, 31: 110.]

To the Honourable Congress.

Gentlemen: We firemen of the City of New York beg leave to Lay our state & condition Before you. That we cannot serve two Masters to Draw out in the Millctery Service & to tend our fire Engines, we Desire the same Priviledge as is granted to us by the act of the Legislatur, we are Willing to serve as firemen and if a General attackt should be made upon our City we are Willing and Ready to Draw out With the Reg't of our Citysons, and if that is not agreeable to the Honourable Congress, we must Lay Down firemen ship and turn out as Sholdjers. We the subscribers are officers and foremen of the severble Engines.

Peter Bogert,	Guilliam Varick,	GeorGe Stanton,
Wm hardenbrook,	Andrew Bell,	Isaac mead,
Charles Phillips,	Theor hardenbrook,	Willm J. Elsworth.

September 8, 1775.

[Note. Other Names attached to this Paper have been cut off and purloined.]

Officers of the Huntington and Smithtown Companies.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 59, 106.]

COMMITTEE CHAMBER, HUNTINGTON, Sept. 11, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: The following is the Names of the Gentlemen who have been chosen Militia Officers in Huntington agreeable to the Recommendations of the Provincial Congress. — (Viz):

(1) John Wickes, Captain,
Epenetus Conckling, Lieut.
Jonah Wood, Second Lieut.
Ebenezer Prime Wood, Ensign.

(2) Jesse Brush, Cap^{n}
Jonathan Titus, Lieut.
Phillip Conckling, Second Lieut.
Joseph Titus, Ensign.

(3) Timothy Carll, Capt^{n}
Gilbert Fleet, Lieut.
Joel Scudder, Second Lieut.
Nathaniel Buffett, Jr., Ensign.

There is one Company in the South part of this Township, which have not yet chosen their officers, for which we are very sorry that we cannot make a return of their names with the above, but as we expect the choices will soon be made, Shall Make a return of the Same as Soon as Possible.

We are Gentl^{n} Your Most Obed^{t} & humb^{l} Ser^{ts}

By order, THO^{s} WILKES, Chairman.

SUFFOLK COUNTY, SMITH TOWN, Sept. 14, 1775.

At a meeting of the Company for the purpose of Chusing their Officers according to the directions of the Continental and Provincial Congress, the following Officers were Chosen (to wit): Philetus Smith, Captain, Edmund Smith, Jun^{r} 1st Lieut., Daniel Tillotson, 2^{d} Do., and Richard Smith, Ensign.

Under the Inspection of us the Subscribers, three of the Committee of the Said Town.

DANIEL SMITH,
JACOB MILLS,
THOMAS TREDWELL.

[Commissions Issued Sept. 13, 1775.]

Orange County Lower Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 91.]

Abraham Lent, Col^{o}
Johannes Dav^{d} Blauvelt, Lieut. Col.
Johannes I^{s} Blauvelt, Major,
Jacobis De Clark, Adjutant,
Isaac Perry, Quarter-Master.

(1)
Southern Company:
Johannes Ja^{s} Blauvelt, Capt.
James Lent, first Lieut.
James Smith, 2^{d} ditto,
Hendrick V. D. L. Verbyck, Ensign.

(2)
Northern Company:
Isaac Smith, Capt.
Johannes I^{s} Blauvelt, 1st Lieut.
William Sickles, 2^{d} Do.
Lambert Smith, Ensign.

(3)
Eastern Company:
Johannes Bell, Capt.
John Sitcher, 1st Lieut.
William Graham, 2^{d} Do.
Daniel Onderdonk, Ensign.

Petition of Sundry Persons of New York.

[Petitions, 31: 52.]

New York, Sept. y^e^ 9, 1775.

To the Gentlemen of the Congress in New York.

We your humble Pertisners Gentlemen are now warned To bear arms In Defence of our Country truly It is the Native place of some of us wich Now Gentlemen may it please your onners To take it in Consideration we are Controld more by poverty than By our own will we must Now beg of your honners To take it in Consideration were you in our State of Poverty you wold not lay on us more than we can Bare Some of this poor Cyty Now who you have you have Command To bare Arms In Defence of ours Liberty and Rites Not our Rite but such gentlemen as has got lands and Estates But some of us Now has Skarsely got Victuals from one Day to another Neyther fire Nor Candles our Wifes and poor Children Suffering for Bread and your honners have pleased To lay on us or some of us such things as we Cant supply ourselves with gun Bagnet Belts Cartridge Box Powder and Ball as for Powder It must Please your honners some of you To open a Store of it for I have Tryd in this City To get a Small Quantity but Could Not and our Officers says It will be a fine to neglect having any of them so therefore we your humble pertisoners Earnestly Beg That It may Please your honners To lend us such thing as you have laid out for us poor And Destresed men to get Gentlemen we beg It may be taken in no afence we are willing to beare with with any thing It may please you to put on us if In our power some cant without Running in Deat for For them the Next go to gail for it will any one pay The Det Consider it would Now for you to loose All your time wich you sit Now making laws for us as one of us or some of us to by a gun Consider our poverty and assist the poor or make some of those with Ruffles Turn out as well as we or supply us with acutrements I Immagine some of those Rich wich have lands and thousands In Estates will not get find if neglect appearing we Beg you will think of us as you are our hed and parliament who Ever gets This is Desired To Covay it to the Congress In New York.

September 9. 1775.

Election of Officers of the New Paltz Company.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 191.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Safety &c New Paltz, September 9, 1775.

To the Respectable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Gentlemen: Pursuant to your Recommendation of the 31^st^ May last, The Company of Militia of the New Paltz, (then under the Command of Capt Noah Eltinge Esq.,) per Order of Coll. Johannis Hardenbergh met together in the Town of the New Paltz on the Thirteenth day of June, and did then associate and form themselves into two Separate Companies; dividing at the same time, that part of the New Paltz Preeinct into two Distinct Districts, viz: The Southern and Northern District, and the line of Partition, to run from the West End of the three mile Lots on the West bank of Hudson's River, along the Publick high Road that leads from said Town to Hudson's River until it meets the Paltz River, then along the same up the Stream to the Line of the Southerly Side of the New Paltz; and then along the Said line Northwesterly, as it runs to the Paltz Point; excepting two households or families out of the Southern District, which are added to the Northern District. Which Said two Companies, so formed as aforesaid did then also, by majority of Voices, Choose and Elect the following gentlemen to be officers of the respective Companies aforesaid, viz:

For the Southern District:

Lewis J. Dubois, Capt.
John A. Hardenbergh, 1^st^ Lieut.
Matthew Le Fever, 2^d^ Do.
Methusalem Dubois, Ensign.

Commissions not delivered; ordered a New Election.

For the Northern District:

Jacob Hasbrouck, Jun^r^ Capt.
Abraham Doiau, Jun^r^ 1^st^ Lieut.
Petrus Hasbrouck, 2^d^ Do.
Samuel Bevier, Ensign.

[Commissions issued 25^th^ Oct. 1775.]

And whereas the Said Officers, by the appointment of Col° Johannis Hardenbergh, did afterwards meet with the Field Officers in Kingstown, to give in their names, in order that a Return of the Said Proceedings, might be made to the Respectable Provincial Congress of this Colony, for the Purpose of Obtaining Commissions for the Said Officers; And whereas the Return of the Said Officers to the Said Congress (it is presumed) hath not been forwarded or laid before the Congress; Wherefore, The Said Committee, taking this affair in Consideration —

Resolved, that for the better Commanding and regulating the Said Companies, it is highly expedient and necessary that the Said Officers should be Commissioned; It is therefore hoped that this Respectable Congress will be pleased speedily to issue forth Commissions for the Respective Officers above named and Chosen in manner as aforesaid. By order of the Committee

NATHANIEL DUBOIS, Chairman.

Return of Officers of the Militia of Dutchess County.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 136, 204, 208, 219, 238.]

Rhinebeck and North East:
Petrus Ten Broeck, Colonel,
Morris Graham, Lieut Do.
Simon Westfall, Major,
Jonathan Landon, Do.
William Stewart, Adjutant,
Hendrick Van Hoevenbergh, Q Master.

No. 2.
Direk Brinckerhoff, Colonel,
Abra^{m} Brinckerhoff, Lieut Do.
David Ter Boss, Major,
Rich^{d} Van Wyck, Do.
Tho^{s} Storm, Adjutant,
Adrian Brinckerhoff, Q Master.

No. 4.
Tobias Stontenbergh, Colonel,
John Frere, Lieut Do.
Robert Hoffman, Major,
Benjamin De Levergne, Do.
John Carpenter, Adjutant,
John Ringley, Q. Master.

No. 5.
William Humphrey, Colonel,
James Van Denburgh, Lieut Do.
Benjamin Birdsall, Major,
Morris Place, Do.
Ebenz^{r} Cary, Adjutant,
Charles Platt, Q Master.

No. 6.
David Southerland, Colonel,
Roswell Hopkins, Lieut Do.
Simeon Cock, Major,
Rich^{d} De Cantelou, Do.
Joseph Carpenter, Adjt.
Daniel Shepherd, Q. Master.

[Commissions issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

At a meeting of the Melitia under the command of Capt John Bedell, 12 Sept 1775, the Persons here under named were chosen as Melitia Officers out of the said Company, by Eighteen Persons who are the Number in the Company that have Signed the association; The remainder of the Company including Officers, being against the Measures recommended by Congress for Regulating the Melitia, voted Universally for Old Officers, who hold their commissions under Government, (the Names of whom you have also Hereunto annexed): Capt. Andrew Hill, 1st Lieut. Cornelius Brinckerhoff, 2^{d} Do. Francis Way, Ju^{r}, Ensign Abraham La Doux.

Test: HENRY SCHENCK, WM VAN WYCK.
Persons who Presided at the Election.

Names of Persons opposed to the Measures Recommended by Congress, for Regulating the Melitia (in John Bedell's Company Dutchess county) Viz:

John Bedell,
Joh^{s} Scott,
Francis Hausbrook,
George Van Nostrant,
John Van Nostrant,
James Way,
Andrew Scouten,
John Jeffers,
Joseph Purdy,

Mordecai Brown,
Oliver Brown,
Oliver La Doux,
Thomas Craft,
Peter Du Bois,
Benj[a] Guon, (?)
John Lindebeck,
Enoch Purdy,
Joseph Boroughs,
John[s] Langdon,
Joseph Wood,
Joseph Carey,
Isaac Wood,
Nath[l] La Doux,
Joh[s] Swartwout,
Joseph Win,
Joseph Lane,
Benj[a] Lisk,
John Lisk,
Nath[l] Weeks,
Stephen Weeks,
Frederick Maybe,
Matthew Cure,
Sam[l] Cure,
Matthew Buys,
Nicholas Storm,
Peter Storm,
Josias Bugbee,
Josias Secor,
Gershom Boun,
Will[m] Scouten,
Will[m] Gosline,
Abr[m] Nepheus,
George Nepheus,
Isaac Guion,
John wood,
Abr[m] Young,
John Algelt,
Will[m] Algelt,
James Way,
Will[m] Halsted,
Marvin Rowland,
Thomas Wood,
Joseph Post,
Sam[l] Ketchum,
Benj[a] Geldersleave,
Nath[l] Geldersleave,
John Cary,
Ambrose Latting,
Jacobus Dorlin,
Ab[m] Garrison,
Ab[m] Purdy,
John Wood (son of Hezekiah),
John Scouten,
Charles Vincent,
Rheuben Garrison,
John Peck,
Lawrence Dailey,
Abr[m] Travis,
Sutton Bailey,
John Carey, Ju[r]
Isaac Washbourn,
Isaac Win,
Samuel Brown,
Jeremiah Hitt,
Benj[a] Hausbrook,
James Green,
John Sladt,
Ephraim Scouten,
Jesse Wood,
Henry Light,
Simon Maybee,
William La Doux.

A List of the Militia Officers in Rombout Precinct, Elected agreeable to Resolutions of Congress:

1[st] *Company.*

Capt. Zebulon Southard,
1[st] Lieut. Evert Winekoop Swart,
2[d] Do. Robert Brett,
Ensign, Isaac Van Wyck.

2[d] Do.

Capt. Jacob Griffin,
1[st] Lieut. John G. Brinckerhoff,
2[d] Do. Ab[m] Schenck,
Ensign, Christeyan Du Bois, Jun[r]

3[d] Do.

Capt. Joseph Horton,
1[st] Lieut. Joh[s] Wiltsey,
2[d] Do. John L. Losie,
Ensign, Jacob Buys, Jun[r]

4[th] Do.

Capt. Isaac Hegeman,
1[st] Lieut. Jacobus De Graff,
2[d] Do. Gideon Van Velen,
Ensign, Robert Todd.

5[th] Do.

Capt. Will[m] Fowler,
1[st] Lieut. Matth[w] Van Bunschoten,
2[d] Do. Daniel Outwater,
Ensign, Peter Van Bunschoten.

6[th] Do.

Capt. Stephen Brinckerhoff,
1[st] Lieut. —— ————,
2[d] Lieut. George Brinckerhoff,
Ensign, Stephen Osburn.

7[th] Do.

Capt. Andrew Hill,
1[st] Lieut. Cornelius Brinckerhoff,
2[d] Do. Francis Way, Jun[r]
Ensign, Ab[m] La Doux.

HENRY SCHENCK, *Dept. Chairman.*

Rombout, Dutchess County, Sept. 1775.
[Commissions Issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Sir: Agreeable to the Resolves of Congress the Committee of this Precinct, has waited upon several Captains Delong, Emangh, and Vincent, who all refused to call their several Companies on the occasion, upon which we gave them Proper Notice by advertising and on the days appointed waited upon the Several Companies when the following persons were made Choice of Viz.:

Capt. Johanes DeLongs beat, met ye 2d September.
Cornelius Van Wyck, Capt.
Daniel Lawrence, 1st Lieut.
Martin Cornwell, 2d Do.
Nathaniel Carey, Ensign.

Capt Joseph Harris beat, met ye 7th Sept.
Joseph Reynolds, Capt.
Nathaniel Smith, 1st Lieut.
John Losee, Junr 2d Do.
Peter Harris, Ensign.

Capt. George Emaughs beat, met ye 6th Sept.
William Clark, Capt.
Jonathan Dennis, 1st Lieut.
Daniel Uhl, 2d Do.
Francis West, Ensign.

Capt. Mical Vincents beat, met 8th Sept.
Isaac Vail, Capt.
Jesse Oakley, 1st Lieut.
Edward Addams, 2d Do.
Stephen Forgarson, Ensign.

The above Persons being duly Elected for Officers, Recommend and Return them accordingly and remain Gentlemen Your Very Humble Servts

By Order of the Committee,

Beekman's Precinct, Sept. 12, 1775. CHARLES PLATT.

[Commissions Issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Return of the Captains and Subalterns of the Companys in Colo Van Ness's Regiment of Minute Men in Dutchess County:

North East.
Hugh Rea, Capt.
Daniel Wilson, 1st Lieut.
Nathaniel Mead, 2d Do.
Pheneas Rice, Ensign.
[Commissions Issued.]

Amenia.
Increase Child, Capt.
John Loyd, 1st Lieut.
William Blunt, 2d Do.
Josiah Morse, Ensign.
[Issued.]

Rhinebeck.
Herman Hoffman, Capt.
Andrew Hermanse, 1st Lieut.
George Sharp, 2d Do.
James Adams, Ensign.
[Isd]

Charlotte.
Smith Southerland, Capt.
Zachias Marshall, 1st Lieut.
Uriah Sill, 2d Do.
Stephen Haight, Ensign.
[Issued.]

Rhinebeck.
John Dewit, Capt.
Philip Hermanse, 1st Lieut.
John Steenburgh, 2d Do.
Jacob Kip, Ensign.
[Issued.]

Committee of Tryon County to the Provincial Congress.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 83.]

Tryon County, Committee Chamber, Septr 13th 1775.

Honorable Gentlemen: Agreeable to a Resolve of this Committee, instead of our late Delegate at the Provincial Congress of N. York, Mr *John Moore* a member of our Committee was chosen by the Majority of Votes to represent our County in the said provincial Congress at New York as our delegate, whom we recommend to be accordingly accepted on that purpose, and we are of our humble opinion, that one will suffice as representative for our county, as the expenses for two would be too burthensome for our small County. Relying on your favorable Grant, we are always wth much Regard Honorable Gentlemen, Your Obedt humble Servts

By order of the Committee,

NICHOLAS HERCKHEIMER, Chairman.

Petition of William Ritchie.

[Petitions, 31: 104.]

William Ritchie, requests permission from the Committee of Safety, to employ a small vessel commanded by himself, in carrying Provisions & such articles, as may be wanted at the Camp from this port—to be landed at Dartmouth, Sandwich, or such post as he may find most safe & convenient.

NEW YORK Sep^{t} 13th 1775. WILL^{M} RITCHIE.

List of the Officers 1st New York Battalion:

[Mil. Ret. 26: 99.]

John Lasher, *Coll.*,
Abr^{m} Brasher, *Lieut. Coll.*,
And^{w} Stockholm, *first Major*,
Sebastin Bowman, *Second Do.*

Prussian Blues:
James Abner, Capt.
James Moore, 1st Lieut.
Henry Tiebout, 2^{d} Do.
Henry Brasher, 3^{d} Do.

Swego Rangers:
John Roosevelt, Capt.
Charles Dickenson, 1st Lieut.
Abrah^{m} Mosier, 2^{d} Do.
Ger^{e} Dnyckinck, 3^{d} Do.

Rangers:
James Able, Capt.
John Johnson, 1st Lieut.
John Bancker 2^{d} Do.
Abra^{m} B. Bancker, 3^{d} Do.

Fusilers:
Henry G. Livingston, Capt.
Andrew Lott, 1st Lieut.
James Van Zandt, 2^{d} Do.
Benj. Seixas, 3^{d} Do.
Will^{m} S. Livingston, 4th Do.

Hearts Oak:
John Berrian, Capt.
Frederick Jay, 1st Lieut.
David Dickson, 2^{d} Do.
Corn^{e} Bogert, 3^{d} Do.

Granadiers:
Abraham Van Dyck, Capt.
John Anthony, 1st Lieut.
James Byers, 2^{d} Lieut.
Eph^{m} Brasher, 3^{d} Do.

Light Infantry:
William W. Gilbert, Capt.
John Wiley, 1st Lieut.
Wynant Van Zandt, 2^{d} Do.
George Yeoman, 3^{d} Do.

Sportsman:
Abraham A. Van Wyck, Capt.
Theophilus Beekman, 1st Lieut.
Gerrardus Beekman, 2^{d} Do.
John Young, 3^{d} Do.

German Fusilers:
Will^{m} Leonard, Capt.
Peter Grim, 1st Lieut.
John Harbeek, 2^{d} Do.
Oliver Mildeberger, 3^{d} Do.
Mallachi Treat, Surjon.
Philip Brasher, Adjutant.
William Leary, Quarter Master.

Light Horse:
Abraham P. Lott, Capt.
John Leary, 1 Lieut.
Peter Ketteltas, 2 Do.
Thomas Beekman, 3 Do.
Jacamiah Allen, Adjutant, and Quarter Master.

Artillery:
Samuel Tudor, Capt.
James Seagrove, Capt. Lieut.
John Devan, 1st Lieut.
Nich^{e} H. Bogert, 2^{d} Do.
Francis Lewis, Jur 3^{d} Do.

[Commissions dated Sept. 14, 1775.]

Election of Officers at New Windsor.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 69.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York now Convened in the City of New York.

GENTLEMEN: These are to Certifie that John Nicholl Esqr was Elected Captain, Francis Mandivile 1st Lieut. Hezekiah White 2 Lieut. and Leonard D. Nicholl,

Ensign, for the Company of Militia in the District of New Windsor, lately Commanded by William Ellison in the 2d Regiment for Ulster County, in the presence of two of the Members of this Committee, agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental and Provincial Congresses. By order of the Committee,

NEW WINDSOR, 23 Septr 1775. SAML BREWSTER, Chairn

[Commissions issued and dated 20th of Septr 1775.]

Election of Officers at New Paltz.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 67.]

HONRS GENTLEMEN: Agreeable to your order of the 9th August 1775, the East District of New Paltz assembled on the 14th of this Inst. and chose by plurality of Voices of the Soldiers belonging to the said district the following Officers for their Militia (Viz): Peleg Ransom, Captain, Nathaniel Potter, 1st Lieut., Hugh Cole, 2d Do., William Danielson, Ensign.

We are Gentlemen Your Very Humbl Servts

EBENEZER PARKINS,
ABRAHAM DONALDSON,
2 of the Committee of New Paltz.

[Commissions issued Sept. 20th 1775.]

Officers of the West Orange Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 73.]

GOSHEN, ORANGE COUNTY, 14th Septr 1775.

SIR: The several Members of the Committee of this precinct, who were appointed to preside at the electing of Officers in the Several Companies of the Regiment in this Precinct, have made return to the Committee, that they have attended accordingly, and the choice fell on the following persons (to wit):

Goshen Company:
George Thompson, Capt.
Joseph Wood, Coes Gale, } Lieuts
Daniel Everitt, junr Ensign.

Florida Company:
Nathaniel Elmer, Capt.
John Poppino, junr, John Sayre, } Lieuts
Richard Bailey, Ensign.

Wawayanda Company:
William Blain, Captain,
Thomas Wisner, Thomas Sayre, junr } Lieuts
Richard Johnson, Ensign.

Warwick Company:
Charles Beardslee, Capt.
Richard Welling, Samuel Lobdell, } Lieuts
John Price, Ensign.

Pond Company:
Henry Wisner, junr Capt.
Abraham Dolson, junr, Peter Bartholf, } Lieuts
John Hopper, Ensign.

Drowned Land Company:
Samuel Jones, junr Capt.
Peter Gale, Jacob Dunning, } Lieuts
Samuel Webb, Ensign.

Chester Company:
John Jackson, Capt.
John Wood, James Miller, } Lieuts
James Parshall, Ensign.

Pochack Company:
Ebenezer Owens, Capt.
Increase Holly, John Brunson, } Lieuts
David Rodgers, Ensign.

West Side of the Wall Kill:
Gilbert Bradner, Capt.
Joshua Davis, James Dolson, } Lieuts
Daniel Finch, Ensign.

The West S. Wantage Compy.
Daniel Rozekrans, Capt.
James Clark, Jacob Cole, } Lieuts
Samuel Cole, Ensign.

The Committee have ordered me to make return of the above list to the Honourable Provincial Congress and desire that the Commissions may be made out immediately and sent up, and the Companies to Range in the above order.

I am Your Humb^{l} Serv^{t}

DANIEL EVERETT,

Chairman of the Committee of the precinct of Goshen.

[Commissions Issued Sept. 22^{d} 1775.]

Officers of the East Orange Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 65.]

List of Field Officers nominated by the Committee of Cornwall precinct in Orange County, for the Eastern Regiment on the North side of the Mountains:

Jesse Woodhull, Esq. Colonel,
Elihu Marvin, Lieut. Colonel,
Nathaniel Strong, & Zachariah Dubois, } Majors,
William Moffat, Adjutant,
Nathaniel Satterly, Quarter Master.

(1) In the Company formerly commanded by Capt^{n} Elihu Marvin:
Archibald Little, Esq. Captain,
Birdsey Youngs, First Lieut.
Thomas Horton, Second Lieutenant,
Nathan Marvin, Ensign.

(2) In the Company formerly commanded by Capt^{n} Jesse Woodhull, Esq:
Jonathan Tuthill, Captain,
John Brewster, ju^{r} First Lieut.
Samuel Strong, Second Lieut.
Francis Brewster, Ensign.

(3) In the Company formerly commanded by Capt James Peters:
Christopher Vanduzer, Captain,
William Roe, First Lieutenant,
Obadiah Smith, Second Lieut.
Isaac Tobias, Ensign.

(4) In a new Company in the upper Clove, being part of the Company formerly commanded by Captain Austin Smith:
Garit Miller, Captain,
Asa Buck, First Lieut.
William Horton, Second Lieut.
Aaron Miller, Ensign.

(5) In the Company in Woodbery Clove, being the Company formerly commanded by Capt Austin Smith:
Francis Smith, Captain,
Thomas Smith, First Lieut.
Alexander Galloway, Second Lieut.
John McManus, Ensign.

(6) In a New Company set off in the South westerly parts of the precinct of Cornwal:
Stephen Slote, Captain,
George Galloway, First Lieut.
John Brown, Second Lieut.
David Rogers, Ensign.

(7) In the Company formerly commanded by Capt^{n} Phinehas Rumsey:

Disputed. {
Silas Pierson, Captain,
Joshua Brown, First Lieut.
Daniel Reeve, Second Lieut.
Phinehas Heard, Ensign.

[Commissions issued & Dated Sept 15th 1775. Except for Silas Pierson and the other officers of that Company.]

Petition of the Inhabitants of Yonkers.

[Petitions, 31: 101.]

To the Honb^le^ The Provincial Congress of the Province of New York in the City of New York Conven^d^ — Or in their Recess, To the Hono^ble^ The Committee of Safety.

The Honorable Petition of the Inhabitants of the Precinct of the lower Yonkers in the County of Westchester Humbly Sheweth:

That your Honourable House have made a Resolve and Published the same Recommending to the Inhabitants of every Town Mannor Precinct & District within the Province aforesaid, to meet nominate and appoint Captains and Other Officers To form Themselves as Company^s^ of Militia.

And whereas the Inhabitants of this Precinct Did meet agreeable to your said Resolve On the Twenty-fourth Day of August Last, under the Inspection of the Commitee for that District Did by a very great Majority as by the List will appear, Did Nominate and appoint Mr. John Cock of the said Precinct for his known Skill and ability in the Military Discipline and for other good Cause, appointed him Captain of the said Company for the District aforesaid.

And whereas we are informed that a Complaint hath been made to the Commitee by a few of the Inhabitants against the said Mr. John Cock out of Spite and Malice and as we conceive what has been aleg^d^ against him was before the Signing the Association, we are well assured that Since his Signing the said Association no person Can accuse him of breaking the same by any ways or means whatever.

Therefore we the Petitioners and Subscribers Do Humbly beg the Indulgence of This Honourable House To Grant unto M^r^ John Cock the Commission of Captain for the Company aforesaid as we are Convinced he was chossen agreeable to your said Resolve and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

Charles Tylor,
Martin Post,
James Munro,
Anth^y^ Allaire,
Edward Ryer,
Benjamin Farrington,
William Rose,
Henry presher,
Thomas Farington,
Isac Postt,
James Rich,
Gilbert Brown,
Thomas his x mark Tippit,
Samuel Laurence,
thomas Merrell,
Samuel Williams,
Fredrick Brown,
Israel Underhill,
David Oakley, Jun^r^
Joseph Oakley, Jun^r^
George Crawford,
Moses Oakley,
Abraham Rich,
Mathious Archer,
Ez^k^ his x mark Brown,
Abraham his x mark Asten,
Robert Farrington,
John his x mark Odle,
Ab^m^ his x mark Odle,
John Devoe,
Jacob Post,
Henry Brown,
Henrey Taylor,
Anthoney Archer,
Basal Archer,
Thomas Oakley,
Jonathan Fowler,
Ab^m^ his x mark Post,
Dennis his x mark Post,
William his x mark post,
Robert Brown,
Danel Deen,
Stephen Bastine,
Benj^m^ Arsdan,
Henry Norris,
John Guevnau,
Thomas Rich,
Elijh taylor,
Jacob Taylor,
James Crawford,
Elnathan Taylor,
Isrel post,
Lewis his x mark post,
John Warner,
Francis Smith,
Jordan Norris,
frederick Vermilyea,
John Cortright,
Edward Cortright.

Lower Yonkers, Sept^r^ 15, 1775.

Officers of Blooming Grove Minute Men.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 61.]

At a meeting of a Company of Minute Men held at Blooming Grove Meeting House in the Precinct of Cornwal in Orange County on Friday the 15^th^ Inst for the purpose of choosing their officers, the following persons were duly chosen to fill

the places of Commissioned officers in said County (Viz): Thomas Moffat Captain, Seth Marvin First Lieutenant, James Little Second Ditto, Nathan Strong Ensign.

Blooming Grove, Sept^{r} 16th 1775. ELIHU MARVIN, ARCHIBALD LITTLE, } Inspectors.

Committee of Safety to the Continental Congress.

[Mil. Com. 25: 143.]

In Committee of Safety during recess of Provincial Congress. New York, Sept^{r} 18th 1775.

Sir: Your fav^{r} of the 16th Inst inclosing a Commission for M^{r} Fleming Deputy Adjutant General with the Rank of Coll. together with the four Commissions accompanying the Same have just come to hand. The Commissions for the Officers of our Colony will be filled up with all possible Dispatch.

We are with very great Esteem Sir, Your Most Humble Servants.

By Order of the Committee of Safety.

Officers of the Rochester Company, Ulster County.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 162.]

Pursuant to the Resolves of the Honourable Congress of the province of New York the Southwestermost District or Company of the Township of Rochester Met and Choose for their Respective officers, the following Persons (Viz): Andries Bevier, Capt., Richard Brodhead, 1st Lieut., Reuben De Witt, 2^{d} Do., Johannes A. De Witt, Ensign. Which Persons we return to the Said Congress as so Elected.

Witness our Hands y^{e} 18th Sept. 1775.

A. D. WITT,
JOHANNIS BEVIER,
JOHANNIS F. HARDENBERGH,
Members of the Committee of the Township of Rochester.

[Commissions Issued 25th Oct. 1775.]

Officers of Kings County Light Horse.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 108.]

At a meeting of the Company of Light horse for Brooklyn in Kings County on Friday the 15th Sept. 1775, at Mr. Adolph Waldrons Inholder at Brooklyn Ferry. Present William Boerum, Rem A. Remsen, Adolph Waldron, Isaac I. Sebring, David Titus, George Powers, Samuel Etherinton, Jacob Sebring, Jun^{r} Jacob Kemper, John Hicks, John Reade, John Genst, W^{m} Chardavoyne, Robert Galbreath, Joseph Smith, Nicholas Van Dam, William Everit, Thomas Everit, Thomas Hazard.

When after having Chosen Adolph Waldron as Chairman they proceeded to the Election when the following Gentlemen were unanimously chosen (to wit): Adolph Waldron Captain, Rem A. Remsen 1st Lieut., William Boerum 2^{d} Do., Thomas Everit Cornet, Jacob Sebring Jun^{r} Quarter Master.

Isaac J. Sebring, Clerk. ADOLPH WALDRON, Ch^{n}

[Commissions Issued Sept. 19, 1775.]

Officers of the Charlotte County Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 210.]

To the Honour^{l} Members of the Provincial Congress:

Gentlemen: Having received the Resolves relating to the Rules and Orders for Regulating the Militia in this Colony, we thought proper to carry it into Execution with all Convenient Speed and ordered a meeting of the County Committee Imediately.

There being a Contention of part of this County in regard to Title of Land, (the New Hampshire Grants) And it was thought Proper by the Committees on the Grants, to divide the County into two Parts, as they Do not Chuse to joyn the other part of the County: which was agreed to by the other Committees:— And Each part of the County to form One Regiment, and Recomend their Field Officers to you, Desiring you will remit their Commissions, with all Convenient Speed, so that the Regiment may be formed as soon as Possible, In Case any Incursions may made from Canada, as we are much Exposed to that Country.

The following Gentlemen we recomend for Commissions, they being Friends to the Present Cause and have Signed the General Association:

Dr. John Williams, Colonel.
Platt Smith, Esqr., Lieut. Do.
Messrs. Nathan Hawley and
Hamilton M^{c}Colister, Majors.
Mr. John Jones, Adjutant, and
Mr. Seth Sherwood Quarter Master.

Likewise the Names of the Inferior Officers in Each District:

District of White Creek:
Ebenezer Clark, Esq., Capt.
Charles Hutchinson, 1st Lieut.
Edward Savage, 2^{d} Lieut.
Daniel M^{c}Clary, Ensign.

Argyle:
Alex^{r} Campbell, Capt.
Sam^{l} Paine, 1st Lieut.
Peter Gilchrist 2 Do.
John M^{c}Dougall, Ensign.

Scheensburgh District:
Jerem^{h} Burroughs, Capt.
Levi Stockwell, 1st Lieut.
Elisha Tousea, 2^{d} Do.
Silas Granger, Ensign.

Black Creek District:
Alex^{r} Webster, Capt.
John Hamilton, 1st Lieut.
George M^{c}Knight, 2^{d} Do.
Samuel Crosett, Ensign.

Kingsbury District.
Asa Richardson, Capt.
Adiel Sherwood, 1st Lieut.
Nehem^{h} Sealey, 2^{d} Do.
Samuel Harris, Ensign.

Signed By Order of Committee,
SETH SHERWOOD, Chairman.

County Charlotte, Dorsett, 21st Sept. 1775.
[Commissions Issued Sept. 29th 1775.]

Nicolas Herchheimer to Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Com. 25: 115, 117.]

Tryon County Committee Chamber, Sept^{r} 19th 1775.

Honorable Gentlemen: Your favor of the 6th Instant we received yesterday wherein we apprehend that agreeable to the Resolves and Directions of the Continental Congress there is one Major and a Quarter Master by each of our Regiments yet wanting, the voting of which we would have performed without Delay if the Members of our Committee were not so much distant from one another in their abodes. Therefore not to delay the Expedition of the Commissions in General without which we cannot act much here, with authority, we beg that you'll please to send us the Commissions, for those four Majors and Quartermasters blanck which we would afterwards fill up at the next meeting of our whole Board, according to the Majority of Votes, and shall then make a return thereof to you immediately.

But in case this our request would be disagreeable and you could not consent to, the Subscribed Chairman with Eight Members of our Committee, made a choice of such Officers, according to their abilities, and enclose hereby the Nomination of them, no doubting, that those so nominated might get the Majority of Votes at the whole Board. We recommend them to you and expect the Commissions for

our Militia Officers will be dispatched as soon as possible, not knowing, how soon we shall be in want thereof for the Defence of our American Cause, in our exposed frontier, and besides mixed with a valuable number of Tories ready with arms against us (we mean the enemies in Kingsborough).

In regard to our Resolve in Civil matters, we have not as yet transacted anything, and shall also agreeable to your order repeal the same at our Board.

We are urged to Remember again the utmost want of Ammunition, and in particular of Powder; We applied lately, therefore, to the Albany Committee, for some assistance but got a Refusal.

We Remain with much Esteem Honor^{ble} Gentlemen Your Obd^{t} hum^{le} Serv^{ts}

By Order

NICOLAS HERCHHEIMER, Chairman.

P. S. We also annex a Return of the Field Officers of our minute men, amounting to one Battalion in our County, although the enlisted men have not as yet in full performed their choices of the Captains, Lieu^{ts} & Ensigns of their respective Companies. The Return of which Officers we will send to you immediately after performance.

To John Haring, Esq^{r} Chairman of the Committee of Safety in New York.

Return of Four Majors and Quartermasters for the four Battalions in the County of Tryon, and also of the Field Officers for one Battalion of Minute men in our County aforesaid.

Mohawk's Dis^{t}

John Newkirk, Major.
Abraham V. Horn, Quartermaster.

Palatine Dis^{t}

Henry Merekill, J^{r} Major.
Jacob Ekert, Quartermaster.

Conajohary Dis^{t}

William Seeber, Major.
John Pickard, Quartermaster

Kingsland & German flatts.

John Eisenlor, Major.
Rudolph D. Staley, Quartermaster.

Field Officers of the Battalion of minute men:

George Herkheimer, Colonel.
Sam^{l} Campbell, Lieut. Col^{l}
John Fonda, Major.
Jacob Ja. Clock, do.
Samuel Gray, Adjutant.
John Franck, Quartermaster.

By Order

NICOLAS HERCHHEIMER, Chairman.

Petition of Geurt De Wint.

[Petitions, 31: 9.]

To the Honourable the President & Members of the Committee of Safety for the Province of New York.

Sirs: Whereas I was on the Day ordered by the Hon^{ble} Congress for Chusing Officers for the Militia of this City Chosen Captain of the Sixteenth Beat of this City, I have taken said Affair into serious Consideration, and find from the Situation of my Affairs, that it will be Totally out of my power to serve in that Station, in the manner I could wish. I therefore hope and pray that you will out of your Goodness, order a new Election for a Captain of said Beat in my stead, and I shall ever hold myself Bound to serve you in any manner that may be required.

I am Sirs Your most obedient Serv^{t}

September 19, 1775. GEURT S^{t} De WINT.

Captain Rumsey to the President of the Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 31: 48, 50.]

September y^e^ 19, 1775.

SIR: I Desire the Inclosed Petition may be laid before the Congress or the Committee of Safety where the Militia Commitions Comes from that I may have a hearing before the Commitions be taken out for Docter Parsons Commission be give out. I am Sir Your Humble Sv.,

PHENEAS RUMSEY.

To the Honourable the Members of the Provincial Congress In New York, Assembled. The humble Petition of the several Persons whose Names are hereunto subscribed Sheweth:

That on the 23^rd^ Day of August 1775 Came on the Choise of Electing a Captain for one of our last Divisions of Goshen Township Compenys in Orange County at which Capt^n^ Phenihas Rumsey Doct^r^ Siles Peirson and Stephen Gilbert were Candidats that Archibel Little Esq and Nathaniel Setterly two of the Committee of Bloominggrove was appointed to be the Returning Officers to take in the Poll to which they Proceeded in the order as the Congress Directs at which s^d^ P. Rumsey obtained the Most Votes to continu Capt and in s^d^ order John Vail and John Woodhul Tutchel was by A Majority Chose first and second Lieutenants by fair Voats and as^d^said Judges say was Returned Accordingly; But said Peirson and Gilbert Being Disapointed together with a small Party of the People who was their Associats thinking to gain their Ends by taking the Advantage of some words that they say s^d^ Rumsey spoke as they sepose in Violation to one of the orders of the Congress about Chusing the warrented or Noncommissioned Officers and s^d^ Gilbert Entered a Complaint to s^d^ Committee of Blo ming Grove of which he himself is a Member and obtained A sightation for s^d^ Rumsey and served the same the Day of Tryal which Day he could not Attend as he was Ingaged for the space of ten Days before that to go to warwick that Day to do business of Conciquance that could not be omited Neither Could sa^d^ Rumsey Come to tryal on so short a Notice as one of his Material Evidences was in New-York at that time. Said Rumsey sent s^d^ John Vail who Informed s^d^ Committee of his Circumstances but The not thinking Proper to Ajorn mete and Proceeded to try s^d^ Rumsey and Voted them selves that Rumsey's Notice was too quick to be then tryed but the Discontented Party thinking it their most Proper time to try him when he was not there to Vindicate him self all Informed the s^d^ Committee that they were Evedances and would not appear again at which s^d^ Committee Gratifyed them and on their Varable words condemned Rumsey and A Judged him unfit to wear a Commission but s^d^ Committee must not have known that all those men were Equally Prosecutors or they would not Condemned the man without one Legel witness and stoped the Commissions Coming to the other Officers who was Legelly Chosen and no Complaint Entered against said Committee ordered a second Choice at which we attended where said Little and Zechariah Deboice was Returning Officers who Did Proceed to take in the Poll in Avery Irregelar Mannor as the men that Pretended to vote for them was but few in Number and Did not Chuse to Appear with so small a party of the Company and we Declined Voting a second time untill we had further orders from the Honourable House as we thought we had Gone according to their Derections in our first Choice but these few that was discontented with the first Choice had Preured Several Votters out of other Compenys and some that did not Live in the County who all Voted once and some it is said twice as it was not in the power of the Officers to Know who had voted or how often as they were not less than eight or ten Deep al Crowded around the table from Different Parts of the Country by which Means they voted in Doct^r^ Siles Peirson Cap^t^ and other Lieu^ts^ to Command us Contrary to order and our Inclination and said they would Return the same Accordingly.

That your Petitioners humbly conceives the s^d^ Proceedings not only to be A Manifest wrong to the s^d^ Cap^t^ Rumsey and s^d^ Lieut^s^ but a violation of the Rights of your Petitioners and others the Electors of our Neighbouring Compeneys whose

Discontented parties are Encouraged by their success and now following their Example to the great Anoyment of Peac in our Country.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray this Honourable House to take their case into Consideration and to give them such Relief therein as to this Honorable house shall seem Meet and your petitioners shall ever pray.

Phenihas Rumsey,	John Gary,	Isaac Tooker,
John Vail,	Jeddiah Fuller,	Daniel Conkling,
John Wod Tuthill,	Benjamin Jayn,	Benjamin Cozat,
John Pain,	John Rogers,	Abraham Cooly,
Charles Tooker,	Elexander Smith,	Samuel Reader,
Benjamin Harlow,	John Myers,	Joseph Patterson,
Nathan Rumsey,	John Keetham,	Oliver Petterson,
Garrett Durye,	Benjamin M^{c}Veaugh,	John Bran,
Stephen Huls,	Asa Rumsey,	Jeremiah Tuthill,
Thomas Everson,	William M^{c}Mullen,	William Bran,
George Durye,	Zopher Jayn,	Samuel Parshall,
Peter Cavanagh,	John Carpenter,	Jesse Matthies,
Stephen Jayn,	John Stag,	James Keetham,
Joseph Davis,	Enos Hagity,	Moses Train,
David Aird,	Selah Tooker,	William Tuthill.
Asa Overten,		

The above is a True account of the Number of Men Belonging to the list of Captain Phenihas Rumsey's Company to wit, Eighty Eight Privates Men, and these Signers all belong to the Company.

Officers of the Marbletown Company.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 174.]

The Committee of Marbletown (in Ulster County) In Compliance with the Resolves of the Hon Provincial Congress Pass^{d} the 22 ult^{o} Divided the said Town into two Districts in such a Manner that in Each District, was formed one Military Company, and after the Company was formed as Aforesaid, Their was a Day appointed by the said Committee for Chusing their Officers, and accordingly The following Persons was Chosen, (which we desire may be Commissioned) to witt —

For the *South East District: First Company:*	For the *North East District: Second Company:*
Capt. Cornelius E. Wynkoop,	Capt. Frederick Schoonmaker, Ju^{r}
1st Lieut. Charles Brodhead, Ju^{r}	1st Lieut. Benjamin Louw,
2^{d} Do. Moses M. Cantine,	2^{d} Do. Jacobus Rosaerans,
Ensign Jacob Chambers.	Ensign John C. De Witt.

By order of the Committee,

Marbletown, Sept. ye 19th 1775. LEVI PAWLING, *Chairman.*

To the Honorable Provincial Congress in New York.

[Commissions Issued 25th Oct. 1775.]

Petition of John O' Connor and David Purdy.

[Petitions, 31: 98.]

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety.

The humble petition of David purdy and John O'Connor Sheweth:

That the said David purdy and John O'Connor has been Long Confined and has Now Nothing to subsist upon and far from their friends that they Can have No help from them and for want must Now greatly Suffer or Else Live by the Cherrity of Cherritable people your petitioners therefore prays that they might be brought to an Examination Soon and said purdy has a family a Wife and eight Children

which has no Subsistence only by the Industry of said petitioner and said Connor has been Confined Now these Nine Weeks and knows Not for what Reason, therefore your petitioners humbly prays that they may be heard and Discharged.

New York, Sept[m] 20 day 1775. JOHN O'CONNOR,
DAVID PURDY.

Militia Officers of Pawling's and South East Precincts.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 146, 220.]

In Capt. Peter Coons Company, Elected:
John Vanduser, Capt.
Valentine Wheeler, 1[st] Lieut.
Luke Wolcot, 2[d] Do.
Ruleloff Kar knikarboecor, Ensign.

In Capt. Epraim Prays Company:
Isaa J. Tallman, Capt.
Ichabod Ward, 1[st] Lieut.
Andrew Morehouse, Ju[r] 2[d] Do.
Ezra Rutty, Ensign.

In Capt. Thomas Sheldon's Company:
James Martin, Capt.
Benj[n] Elliott, 1[st] Lieut.
Stephen Akin, 2[d] Do.
Nathan Burdick, Ensign.

Dutchess County, Pawlings Precinct, Sept. ye 20[th] 1775.

Sir: These are to desire you to acquaint the Congress, that the above Gentlemen were chosen by their Respective Companies, as their Officers in Pawlings Precinct, and now they stand ready as soon as Commissioned to act under the influence and direction of the Continental and Provincial Congresses.

Pr Order of the Committee,

[Commissions Issued 17[th] Oct. 1775.] HENRY CARY, *Chairman.*

Dutchess County, South East Precinct Committee, Sept. 22[d] 1775.

Ordered, that those persons who have arang[d] themselves in the Character of Minute men in this Precinct, do assemble themselves on the 26[th] Inst. in order to Chuse out of their Company the several officers, which agreeable to Directions of our Congress are to Command such Companies, and that Thomas Baldwin Esq. and Mr. Nathaniel Foster, members of this Committee, do attend and Inspect said Choice, and make return thereof to the Chairman of this Committee.

JOSEPH CRANE, *Chairman.*

South East Precinct, 26[th] Sept. 1775.

We hereby certifie that agreeable to the foregoing Order, the Company of Minute Men therein Refer[d] to, did on the 26[th] Instant, assemble and under our Inspection made Choice of Joshua Barnum, Junr. Capt. William March, 1[st] Lieut. Eliakim Barnum, 2[d] Do. Jonathan Crane, Ensign.

Witness:
Thomas Baldwin,
Nath[l] Foster.

A True Coppy or order and Return,
Test: JOSEPH CRANE, Ch[n].

Petition of New York Officers.

[Petitions, 31: 80.]

To the Committee of Safety for the Province of New York.

The Petitions of the Officers belonging to the Battalions Commanded by the Colonels Lasher and Hyer, the Officers belonging to the Companies of Artillery, Light Horse, and Hussars, and of Sundry Officers belonging to the Different Beats in the City of New York. Sheweth

That in the present critical situation of the Publick affairs of the Colonies and Mother Country—They conceive it to be a matter of the utmost consequence to the Liberties of America, that every member of the Community capable of bearing Arms should acquaint himself with Miletary Discipline; in order (if possible) to avert the distresses which now are hanging over them.— And being Convinced that the safety of a Nation may be longer preserved by every Citizen being a Soldier, than by particular persons solicited for that purpose.

They cannot but view with great concern the late Regulation of the Provincial Congress respecting the times of meeting for the several Beats in this City, which they humbly conceive are too far distant from each other to answer the design the Congress had in view.—They therefore would beg leave to propose, and to solicit your attention thereto, that the times of meeting for the several Beats in this City and County should be at least, once a week, for three months ensuing—that a field day for each Battalion composed of the different Beats should be at least once a month, which they are humbly of opinion would effectually answer the intentions of their being embodied; otherways they fear it will in a great measure be defeated.

All of which your petitioners with deference submit to your Judgment.

John Lasher,	Corn^{s} J. Bogert,	Jacamiah Allen,
Henry G. Livingston,	David Dickson, Jun^{r}	Tho^{s} Beekman,
William Leonard,	James Van Zandt,	Thomas Beekman,
Abraham A. Van Wyck,	Gerard J. Beekman,	Thomas Tucker,
John J. Roosevelt,	Henry Tiebout,	Nich^{s} H. Bogart,
Abraham Van Dyck,	Oliver Mildebaeger,	Henry Remsen,
Andrew Stockholm,	Ab^{m} P. Lott,	Thomas W. Moore,
Sebast^{n} Bauman,	John Leary, Jun^{r}	John Ebert,
Sam^{l} Tuder,	Francis Lewis, Jun^{r}	Daniel Carsln,
James Alner,	Benjamin Seixas,	Charles Duryee,
I^{s}. Seagrove,	Eph^{m} Brasher,	Henry Mitchell,
James Byers,	William W. Gilbert,	Wynandt Keteltas,
John Davan,	John Berrien,	Peter Stoutenburgh
James Van Zandt,	And. Lott,	Peter Berton,
Charles Dickinson,	Peter Grim, Jun^{r}	Daniel M^{c}Cormick,
John Johnson,	John Anthony,	Garret Abeel,
John Bancker,	John Harback,	Will^{m} D. Payster, Jun.
Abr^{m} B. Bancker,	George Yeamans,	John Stiles,
James Moore,	Abr^{m} Mesier,	Ben^{a} James,
John Young,	Ger^{s} Duyckinck, Jun.	Conradt W. Ham,
Peter Keteltas, Jun^{r}	John Wiley,	Richard Deane.

New York, 21st Septemb^{r} 1775.

Petition of Christian Bergh, Timothy Doughty and others.

[Petitions, 31: 96.]

New York, Sept. 22nd 1775.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety.

The humble petition of Christian Bergh Jun. Adam Bergh, David Dob, John Dob & Timothy Doughty Sheweth:

That the above said petitioners have been Confined almost these Three Weeks upon their own expence and their families at home being unable to maintain themselves because of their Infancy and In Consequence must suffer then their maintainance Depends Intirely upon your petitioners Industry whereof you cannot Be Intirely unacquainted Wee your petitioners have Likewise understood that the gentlemen of the Committe have waited for Evidence from our parts To prove a crime against us but we are sensible there cant None be Brought in Truth and besides it seems to us if there was aney they might have been here before Now for which reason wee

pray to be Discharged Supposing wee had committed a crime against your Resolves it was before the Resolves came in force and we was Likewise unacquainted of it and also wee think that Wee have been Sufficiently Bunished for it according to your Resolves for the first offence is three months Imprisonment, and Dobs sloop they have burned and Berghs Sloop the Sobes people fetched and Sold at Vendue for the use of the Congress as wee have Creatibly Inform[d].

John McKesson to Richard Sharp.

[Associations, &c., 30: 353.]

[About September 1775.]

Richard Sharp, Esq. Sir: The Ship Asia has been supplied with provisions in the following manner, Viz[t]:

Abraham Lott Esq[r] Treasurer of this Colony (in whom you know the Inhabitants universally place great Confidence) has for several years been one of the Agent Victuallers for his Majesty's ships at this port—having rec[d] orders for Provisions he laid them before the provincial Congress—he was directed to obtain the number of men belonging to the Ship and make return thereof to Congress & lest Mr. Lott might be imposed on [as] they had ample means of Information.

The Congress have given him permits to supply the Ship Asia with necessary provisions *for her own use and consumption only*, Mr. Lott from time to time making report to Congress of the Species & Quantities supplied. The Ship takes her supply once a week if necessary—The Ship's Boats or any person belonging to her are not permitted to come to the Shore, when the Ship lay off in Hudsons River or toward the Bay the provisions when sent in market Hours in the morning were Sent by such person & Boat as Mr. Lott employed & Landed on Nutten Island; & the Ships Boats were Sent there for it—Since her removal from thence, the Craft and persons employed by Treasurer Lott deliver the provisions in Market hours into the Ship's Boat near the Ship—every other Inhabitant is prohibited any intercourse with the Asia nor is she supplied with anything but thro' Mr. Lott or his order.

Election of Officers in North East Precinct.

[Mil. Ret., 26: 230.]

Dutchess County, North East Precinct, 25[th] Sept. 1775.

At a meeting of the Minute Company in Said Precinct, the following Gentlemen was chosen Officers of Said Company, agreeable to the Resolves of Congress: Hugh Rea, Capt., Daniel Willson first and Nathaniel Mead second Leu[ts] Pheniheas Rice, Insign.

Certified by us
WILLIAM SWART,
JAMES ATWATER,
JAMES HADLEY,
Members of Committee Present.

[Commissions Issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Declaration of a Convention held at Dorset (Vermont).

[Associations, 30: 532.]

At a General Convention of 56 Delegates on the New hampshire Grants on the East and west the Range of Green mountains Representing 36 Towns on s[d] Grants held at Dorset the 25[th] day Septem[r] by adjournment; whereas this Convention have for a Serious of Years had under there particular Consideration the disingeneus Conduct of the former Colony now State of N. York towards the Inhabitants of that District of Land Commonly Caulled and known by the name of the N. Hampshire Grants the Several Illeagual unjustifiable and unwarrantable meashures they have take to Deprive by frawd viollance and oppression those inhabitants of thire property and in particular thire Landed Interest and as this Convention have Reason to Expect a continuance of the same kind of Disingenuaty unless some meashures Effectual be taken to form the s[d] District a Seperate and Distinct one

from N. York and whereas it at present appears to this Convention that for the foregoing Reasons to Geather with the Distance of Rode which Lies between this District and N. York that it will be very inconvenient for those Inhabitants to associate or Connect with them for the time being Directly or Indirectly therefore this Convention being fully Convinced that it is Neasasery that Every Individual in the Unighted States of America should exart themselves to thire utmost ability in the difence of the Liberties thereof and that this Convention may the better satisfy the public of there punctuall attachment to the s^{d} Common Cause at present as well as heartaffore we do make and subscribe the following, viz. —

We the Subscribers Inhabitants of that district of Land Commonly Caulled and known by the name of the N. hampshire Grants being legually Diligated and Othorised to Transat the public and political affairs of the affore s^{d} District of Land for ourselves and Constituants do solemnly Covenent and Ingage that for the time being we will Strictly and Religiously adhere to the Several Resolves passed in this or a future Convention Constituted on s^{d} District by the free voice the friends to American Liberties that shall not be Repugnant to the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress Relative to the General Cause of America.

David Vaullance,	Eben^{r} Hoisington,	Amos Curtice,
Sam^{l} Benton,	Abraham Ives,	Sam^{l} Write,
Ira Allen,	John Gaill,	Mikel Dunning,
John Manly,	Gideon Omesly,	Moses Robinson,
Abraham Underhill,	James Meed,	Nath^{l} Robinson,
Will^{m} Gage,	Jonas Fay,	Ruben Jones,
Martin Powell,	Edward Akin,	Seth Warner,
Ruben Harmon,	Joseph Bradley,	Mikel Deal,
Nathan Clarke,	Elisha Clark,	Jeremiah Clark,
Benjamin Carpenter,	Zekious Mallery,	Samuel Bradley,
Timothy Brunson,	John Burnham, Jr.	Abner Sealy,
Heman Allen,	Nemiah How,	Obdiah Dunham,
Timothy Barker,	Francis Whitmore,	Eben^{r} Allen,
Will^{m} Ward,	Joseph Woodward,	Saml Safford,
Thom^{s} Tuttle,	Leonard Spaulding,	Will^{m} Fitch.

Petition of Surgeon Nicholson.

[Petitions, 31: 92.]

To The Honorable the Provincial Congress.

The humble Petition of George Nicholson Sheweth, that Whereas your Petitioner has done all that was in his power, for the good of America in the present struggle against Tyranny and Oppression, which your honors are sensible was attended with a great risque and Expence, and your Petitioner being resolved to render himself as serviceable as possible, takes this method to inform your Honors, that he has had experience from a Youth, both as a Surgeon and an Officer, having had the honor to be a Lieutenant in the 84th Regiment Commanded by Sir Eyre Coote in the East India Service, and has been in several engagements; flatters himself he may be serviceable in the Army now under General Schuyler; not only from his military knowledge but his being versed in the French language, he would immediately go a Volunteer, would his circumstances admit, but as it is not in his power, begs of your Honors if there is any vacancy, and your honors think he can be any way serviceable, in any of the above Capacities, that you would vouchsafe to employ him.

But rather than be neuter in so glorious a cause is willing to go as a Cadet provided your Honors will favor him with such Recommendations you think he merits, and allow him a necessary support.

Your Petitioner begs your Honors will take this into Consideration, and hopes that any place your honors may think meet to intrust him with, he shall acquit himself with Honor. And your Petitioner willl ever pray.

New York, Sept. 25th 1775. GEORGE NICHOLSON.

Petition of Timothy Doughty, Christian Bergh and other Prisoners.

[Petitions, 31: 88.]

New York, Sept^{r} 25th 1775.

Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety.

S^{rs}: Our petition of the 21st of this month Wherein Was Contained our grefiences wee feard is not come to your hands Wherefore we take this oppertunity to acquaint you Gentlemen of our Distress we have already been Confined three weeks and the reason of it is wee heare that you have sent for Efidence to our parts which wee think as asufficient time for such Efidence to been here if there was aney. Gentlemen Wee beg you would Consider our Case as your own and do by others as you would be Done by for therein a man fulfilleth The Laws of God. Wee will Indeaver To Set forth our unhappy Condition Wee are in, Confined to a room which indeet we think a great hardship, Spending our money at a great Rate more than our ability will allow, Deprived from our Business and our familys and our Children are Not Yet Capable of maintaining themselves there are No Less than twenty one Children Belonging To three of us here Confined and the oldest Not Exceeding twelve years, Besides the Eusopes people have took Christian and Adam berghs Sloop from their Landing and as wee are Credibly informed have sold her for the use of the Congress and god knows wether they have Not stript their familys of all Dobs Sloop is burned with a great maney of our wearing aperl all which has been Done before we are brought to trial and before it is Known wether wee are guilty of aney Bunishment and further wee all have taken very bad Colds, If the witnesses is Not yet Come wee beg you would Bring us Before you as soon as these shall Come to your hands possible wee may give you satisfaction our Selfs from your hu^{m} Serv^{ts}.

CHRISTIAN BERGH, Jun^{r},
TIMOTHY DOUGHTY,
JOHN DOB,
ADAM BERGH,
DAVID DOB.

P. S. Gentlemen perhaps some Words may be spelled Wrong for wee had no Dictionary Nor Nothing Else to Comford our selfs with.

William Powell to Cornelius Haring.

[Petitions, 31: 5.]

New York, 28 Sep^{r} 1775.

Sir: Being very desirous of my Wifes Inoculating for the Small Pox, in order to put her out of danger of that Fatal disorder in the natural way, as I purpose and my business calls me this Fall amongst the Westindia Islands, but was informed that there had been a resolution of the Honorable Congress of this Province not to Inoculate in it, but not being certain whether it extended to the whole, or a part I apply'd to Mr. J. Seares in New haven for better Information, who told me he thought it only respected this City & County, and was in consequence of the Connecticut Forces being so near this City, and advised our going, whereupon I hired a vessell, and carried with me my wife and Four other Ladies to Brookhaven, and applied to Doc^{r} Muirison to Inoculate them, he then turned to a Resolution of your Honorable Congress of the 15th June Last, which respected the whole Province, and told me he should by no means act contrary to them, but taking my situation in consideration, and my Wifes extreme dread of catching it the natural way, he thought it best for me to make application to you, with assurance of his utmost dilegence and care, of its not spreading as his hospital is detached ten miles from the County Road and remote from any other house or Road that can cause alarm, but as it has been suggested to me here that it might cause uneasiness to the Inhabitants Doc^{r} Muirison had not the least doubt but that it would be agreeable to them shoud that be any Bar, I firmly promise, to drop the thoughts of it, but hope that my prayers may granted.

I am Sir with great Respect your hble Servant

W^{m} POWELL.

Petition of James Arden and others of New York.

[Petitions, 31: 86.]

To the Worthy and Respectable The Delegates assembled in Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

The humble Petition of James Arden, Richard Outen Bogert, John West and Six others, Tradesmen and Laborers of the City of New York. Most Humbly Sheweth:

That the distressed state of the public affairs of this Country, has put almost a total stop to all kinds of Business and employments amongst us; by which means your Petitioners are unhappily deprived of every expedient to procure a subsistence for themselves and families.

That your Petitioners are willing to engage in the Service of their Country in any Capacity in their power; and are ready, with the last drop of their Blood, to defend those Rights and Privileges wherewith God, Nature and Society have made them free; as well as to attempt, by every virtuous struggle, to recover the common blessings of Providence, of which, in a great degree, the hand of Power now most cruelly deprives them.

That several of your Petitioners are in such actual want of even the necessaries of Life that they know not where to go for another Day's Bread for their families — and to see the infant Arm, in vain stretched out for that Food which Love and industry cannot supply, is truly cutting to the Parent's heart.

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray, that you will be pleased to take their melancholy circumstances into your serious consideration; and not only grant them some speedy Relief from the present exigencies of themselves and families; but provide such further ways and means for their future support, as your Wisdom and Compassion shall graciously direct. And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c—

James Arden,	Henry Bogart,	gilbert Outten Bogert,
Richard Outen bogart,	Peter Van Blake,	Joseph Goodwin,
John West,	Harman Vandenbarck,	Moses M^{c}Clure.

[No date.]

Officers of the Goshen Minute Men.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 133.]

Goshen, Sept. 30, 1775.

The Company of Minet men, met, and agreeable to the directions of Congress, Chose the following Officers, viz: Moses Hetfield, Capt., James Butler, first liev^{t} William Barker, second do William Carpinter, ensign.

BENJAMIN GALE,
JACOB NICOLL,
Committee.

Goshen, Oct. 16th, 1775.

At a Meeting of the Company of Militia of the town of Goshen, the following Gintlemen were chose officers in said Company, agreeable to the Reccommendation of the Congress, viz: Isaac Nicholl, second liev^{t} William Thompson, ensign.

BENJAMIN GALE,
MOSES HETFIELD,
Committee.

The above is true copys of the Returns made to me,

DANIEL EVERETT.

N. B. You are requested to send commissions to the above Gintlemen, the Minet Men according to the date returned to me, so as the Company may take its Rank as it was chose before Capt. Wisenor.

To the Honorable Reverential Congress now sitting at New York.

Officers of the Westchester County Regiments.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 122, 125.]

A list of the Officers chosen in the several Districts of the North Battallion Westchester County. Manor of Cortlandt.

(The District late Commanded by Francis Lent):
James Kronkhyte, Capt.
Abraham Lamb, 1st Lieut.
Staats DeGrote, 2d Do.
David Penore, Ensign.

The District late Commanded by Barton Underhill:
Gilbert Van Cortlandt, Capt.
Daniel Hains, 1st Lieut. Signed the association the day he was chosen.
James Taller, 2d Do.
Haramanos Gardinear minor Ensign.

The District late Commanded by Jeremiah Drake:
Gilbert Lockwood, Capt.
John Drake, 1st Lieut. Signed the association the day he was chosen.
Joshua Drake, 2d Do. The like.
Peter Carman, Ensign. The like.

The Company Commanded by David Montross refused to chuse officers.

[Commission issued 20 Sept. 1775.]

The District late Commanded by Ebenezer Theall:
Andrew Brown, Capt.
Samuel Haight, 1st Lieut.
John Chrissey Miller, 2d Do.
Solomon Purdy, Ensign.

The North Division of the District late Commanded by Levi Baily:
Nathaniel Delivan, Capt.
Thomas Nicholls Jur 1st Lieut.
Titus Runnells, 2d Do.
Abraham Purdy, Ensign.

The South Division of the same District:
Gideon Selah, Capt.
Samuel Lawrence, 1stLieut.
Caleb Hobby, 2d Do.
Abraham Todd, Ensign.

The District late Commanded by Joseph Strang:
John Hyatt Capt.
John Drake, 1st Lieut.
Obediah Purdy, 2d Do.
Joseph Horton, Ensign. Signed ye association ye day he was elected.

A list of the officers chosen in the several districts of the South Battalion of West Chester County, (except West Chester):

For *Yonkers:*
John Cock, Capt.
William Betts, 1st Lieut.
John Warner, 2d Do.
Jacob Post, Ensign.
(Mem.)—New officers to be chosen for this company. No commissions issued.

East Chester:
Stephen Sneden, Capt.
Thomas Pinkney, 1st Lieut.
Daniel Serring, 2d Do.
William Pinkney, Ensign.
Commissions issued and dated Sept. 20th

New Rochelle and Manor of *Pelham:*
Joseph Drake, Capt.
James Willis, 1st Lieut.
David Guion, 2d Do.

Commissions issued and dated Sept. 20th

Philipsburgh (Tarry Town Company):
Abraham Storm, Capt.
George Combs, 1st Lieut.
Joseph Appleby, 2d Do.
Nathaniel Underhill, Ensign.
Same date.

Philipsburgh (East Company):
David Davids, Capt.
Benjamin Vermilya, 1st Lieut.
Gilbert Dean, 2d Do.
Gabriel Reguaw, Ensign.
Same date.

Philipsburgh (Lower Company):
Isaac Vermilye, Capt.
Israel Honeywell, 1st Lieut.
Dennis Lent, 2d Do.
Hendrick Odell, Ensign.

Dated Sept. 20th delivered to Mr. Pauling.

Philipsburgh (Upper Company):
Abraham Ledew, Capt.
Benjamin Brown 1st Lieut.
John Relyea, 2d Do.
John Oakley (son of Isaac), Ensign.
Commissions issued Sept. 20th.

Officers of the Associated Company in the upper part of Philipseburgh, viz.:
William Dutcher, Capt.
Daniel Martlinghs, 1st Lieut.
Gershom Sherwood, 2d Do.
George Monson, 3d Do.

A List of the Officers chosen in the several Districts of the Middle Battallion, West Chester County:

Mamaroneck and *Rye* (Except the upper end of King street):
Robert Bloomer, Capt.
Alexander Hunt, 1st Lieut.
Ezekiel Halsted, 2d Do.
Daniel Horton, Ensign.

Harrisons Precinct and the upper end of King street:
Henry Dusinberry, Capt.
Lyon Miller, 1st Lieut.
Caleb Paulding Horton, 2d Do.
Gilbert Dunsinberry, Ensign.

North Castle (East Company):
Benoni Platt, Capt.
David Holby, 1st Lieut.
Abraham Knapp, 2d Lieut.
Jonathan Guion, Ensign.

North Castle (South Company):
Benjamin Ogden, Capt.
Jeremiah Hunter, 1st Lieut.
Caleb Merritt, Junr, 2d Do.
James Brundige, Ensign.

For *North Castle* (North Company): there were not persons sufficient in numbers who had signed the Association to make officers of. So that nothing was done.

Scarsdale, *White Plains*, and *Brown's Point:*
Joshua Hatfield, Capt.
James Verrian, 1st Lieut.
Anthony Miller, 2d Do.
John Falconer, Ensign.

Bedford (Eastern District):
Lewis McDonald, Junr, Capt.
James Miller, 1st Lieut.
Henry Lord, 2d Do.
Jesse Miller, Ensign.

Bedford (Western District):
Eli Seeley, Capt.
Hezekiah Grey, 1st Lieut.
Ephraim Raymond, 2d Do.
Gabriel Higgins, Ensign.

Poundridge:
Joseph Lockwood, Capt.
Noah Bouton, 1st Lieut.
William Fansher, 2d Do.
Gilbert Reynolds, Ensign.

Salem (Southern District):
Abijah Gilbert, Capt.
Jacob Hait, 1st Lieut.
Sands Raymond, 2d Do.
Joseph Coley, Ensign.

Salem (Northern District):
Thaddeus Crane, Capt.
Jesse Truesdale, 1st Lieut.
Ezekiel Halley, 2d Do.
Ebenezer Brown, Ensign.
[Commissions for the above issued Sept. 13, 1775.]

Officers of the New Windsor Minute Men.

[Mil. Ret., 26: 116.]

To the Honorable Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York now convened in the City of New York.

Gentlemen, These serves to inform you that Samuel Logan was duly elected Captain, James Jackson, Jun., 1st Lieut., John Moffatt, 2d Lieut., and John Robinson, Ensign, for the Company of Minute Men raised in the Precinct of New Windsor in the presence of two of the members of this Committee, agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental and Provincial Congresses.

By order of the Committee,

SAML BREWSTER, *Chairman.*

New Windsor, 23d Sept., 1775.

[Commissions issued and dated 20th Sept., 1775.]

Second Company of Cornwall Minute Men.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 243.]

At a meeting of a company of Minute men at the House of Francis Smith in Cornwal Precinct Orange County and Province of New York on the 28th of Sept. 1775.—They proceeded to choose their officers according to the Resolve of the Congress in such cases provided, when the following Persons were chosen for that Purpose, (Viz.): Samuel Rayment Captain, David Reynolds 1st Lieutenant, Richard Langdon 2d Do., Jeremiah Fowler, Ensign.

By order of the Committee.

THOMAS MOFFAT, *Clerk.*

[Commissions Issued 9th Nov. 1775.]

Officers of the Minisinck Company, Orange County.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 92.]

Agreeable to ye Directions of ye Commitee of the Precinct of Goshen, we the Subscribers attended the Minisink Company on Saturday the 30th Day of September 1775, for the choice of their officers at the house of Mr John Wells, and the following Gentlemen were duly Elected, (viz.): Moses Cortright Captain, John Vantile jur 1st Lieut., John Dockner 2 Lieut., Ephram Wodaugh, Ensign.

Witness our hands— JAMES LITTLE,
JOSHUA DAVIS,
DANL EVERIT, *Chairman.*

N. B. Sr as there were some Difficulties subsisted in the Minisink Company, which was the Reason the officers were not returned before now, we Request that Commissions may be sent up for the above Officers as soon as it conveniently can.

To Colo. William Allison, in Congress.

[Commissions dated September 15, 1775.]

Petition of Inhabitants of Nantucket.

[Petitions, 31: 68.]

To the Honble the Committee of Safety for city of New York.

The Humble petetion of Abner Briggs, in behalf of the United Inhabitants of the Island of Nantuckitt sheweth.

Whereas the Inhabitants of said Island, are greatly Distressed for the want of Provision & have been Nessessiated to apply to some part of the continent for a supply, and (knowing their situation to be such, as would attract the attention and compassion of any one properly acquainted with the Truly Deplorable State, in which they at Present are) First made application to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Falmouth. Leave was accordingly very Readily Granted, to have it Exported from thence, (not doubting but it might be safely conveyd as pr the Resolves of said Committee, which herewith Please to Receive) But the Brave American Army, being in the Ports adjacent, & Consequently ought to be sufficiently supplyd Require all the Provisions that Can be Conveniently spared from those Parts, should your Hons kindly Grant Leave to have a small vessell of about 30 Tuns Burthen, Loaded at this Place for the supply of the said Inhabitants of Nantuckitt, your Petetioner, will give sufficient Bonds to any amount, that he will with the greatest Care first convey the said cargoe of Provisions to the aforesaid Town of Falmouth, and there will give sufficient Bonds, to deliver the same at Nantuckitt.

N. B., the above Petetion has been presented to the Committee who refers it to the Consideration of the Honble Provincial Congress, for their Sentiments on the Matter.

October, 1775.

Election of Militia Officers for Wallkill, Ulster county.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 178.]

GENT^N—Agreeable to the Recommendations of the Provincial Congress the Committee of the Precinct of the Walkill in the county of Ulster, met and divided said precinct into four companies of Militia in the following manner (viz):

All that part of the Precinct that is on the East side of the Walkill to be one Company, who have by plurality of Voices agreeable to the Directions of Congress chose Sam^ll Watkins their Capt. David Crawford, first Lieut. Stephen Hanlon, 2^d Do. Henry Smith, Ensign.

All that part of the Precinct on the west side of the Walkill, between said Walkill, and Little Shawangonk Kill, to the Northward of a line from the house of Isaiah Veal, to the store of John Brown, and the houses of Peter McCloughlin, Archibald Brown, Jun^r Archibald Brown, Sen^r John McCarter, John Hill and Daniel McVeay, to continue the last course to Little Shawangonk Kill (to Exclude the Inhabitants of the mentioned in said line) to be in one other Company, who have chose in manner aforesaid W^m Faukender, Ju^r for their Capt. Edward McNeal, 1^st Lieut. John Wilkin, 2^d Do. and John Faukender, Ensign.

All that part of the precinct between the Walkill and Little Shawangonk to the Southward of the line mentioned to Run from Isaiah Veal's to John Brown's &c., to Include the Inhabitants that lives in said line to be in one other Company who have in manner aforesaid chose Isaiah Veal for their Capt. Israel Wickham, 1^st Lieut. John Dunning, 2^d Do. Jonathan Owen, Ensign.

All that part of the Precinct to Northwest of Little Shawangonk Kill to be in one other Company who have in manner aforesaid chose for their Capt. William Denniston, Benjamin Veal, first Lieut. Joseph Jillet, second Do. and David Carwin, Jun^r Ensign.

The election of all the above officers was carefully Inspected by two Committee Men in Each Company.

Signed by order of the Committee,

WALKILL, Oct. 2^d 1775. HENRY WISNER, JUN^r *Chairman.*

[Commissions Issued 25 Oct. 1775.]

Petition of Elizabeth White.

[Petitions, 31: 72.]

To the Honourable Members of the Committee of Safety conven'd in the City of New York during the recess of the Provincial Congress:

The Petition of Elizabeth White the wife of Alexander White, Esq. High Sheriff of the County of Tryon, Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner in the Most respectfull manner thus presents herself to this Honourable Board, deeply Distressed both in mind and circumstances from the Misfortunes and unhappy Confinement of her Husband, the said Alexander White, in the Gaol at Albany upwards of five weeks past. That the first cause of his confinement proceeded from a charge of expressing himself unbecomingly and as an Enemy to the Liberties of America and thereon had left his place of abode to go for Canada, Whereas the cause as your Petitioner humbly apprehends and has reasons to believe was her Husbands having arrested one John Fonda by a lawfull authority whereupon great disturbance arose in so much that many shots were fired at your Petitioners Husband who was greatly in Danger of his Life and glad to get out of the way till the unhappy differences could be settled.

That your Petitioner does not presume further to enter into the particulars of any charge laid against her Husband but hopes they will appear false and trusts that the members of this Honorable Board will sympathize with the Petitioners real Distress and grant this her earnest, and humble prayer.

That the said Alexander White her truly unfortunate Husband may be discharged by the Order of this Honorable Board upon his Parole of Honor, not to act or do

any thing that can give the least offence or otherwise that this Honorable Board will be pleased to refer whatever charge may be against her Husband to the Committee at Albany, that he may in the most convenient Time be heard thereon in order to obtain his enlargement; Or that this Honorable Board will use such means for the relief of the Petitioner and her Husband as in their Humanity and tender Consideration shall be thought Expedient; and your Petitioner as in Humble Duty Bound will ever pray &c ELIZABETH WHITE.

City of New York, 2d October 1775.

Petition of Godfrey Hains and others.

[Petitions, 31: 70.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress.

Gentlemen: As there is Six of us Confined in Goal by your order Charg'd with misdemeanours we should take it kind of you if you'd bring us to Imediate tryal or provide for us in our Confinement as we have not wherewithal to suport ourselves. And you will oblige yours

City Hall, October ye 4tL 1775.

GODFREY HAINS, ADAM BERGH,
TIMOTHY DOUGHTY, CHRISTIAN BERGH, Junr
JOHN DOB, DAVID DOB.

Election of Officers for 2d New Windsor Company.

[Military Returns, 26: 166.]

To the Honorable Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York, now convened in the City of New York.

Gentlemen: These are to Certifie that John Belknap was legally elected Captain, Silas Wood 1st Lieut., Edward Falls, Second Lieut., and James Stickney Ensign, for a Company of Foot, in the Second Regiment of Ulster County, being in the Precinct of New Windsor, in the Presence of two of the Members of this Committee.

New Windsor, 5th Octr 1775. By order of the Committee,

[Commissions Issued 25th Oct. 1775.] SAML BREWSTER, Chrm

Officers of the New York City Regiments.

[Military Returns, 26: 43, 213.]

Committee Chamber, 6th Octr 1775.

Pursuant to the Recommendations of the Provincial Congress, the Committee proceeded to the nomination of Field Officers, Adjutants, & Quarter Masters, to Command the three Regiments to be Constituted for the City and County of New York, when the following persons were duly elected for that purpose (viz),

Colonels.
Henry Remsen,
David Clerkson,
Wm Watson.

Lieut. Cols.
Jos Bull,
Jos Beekman,
Jno Broome.

Adjutants.
Stephen Rapelje,
Peter P. Van Zandt,
Jno White.

Majors.
Abm Watson, 1st
Anty L. Bleeker 1,
Anty Lispenard 1,
Thos Wm Moore 2d
Gerret Abeel 2,
Morgan Lewis 2.

Quarter Masters.
Abm Brinkerhoff,
Nichs Quackenbos,
Anw Breasted.

JNO BROOME,
Chairman, Pro Tem.

Committee Chamber, New York, Octo^{r} 27 1775.

The following is a list of the names of Field and Staff Officers nominated by the General committee to Command the Three Regiments of Militia for this City & County:

Names of Field and Staff Officers for the *first* Regiment (Viz):

Henry Remsen, *Coll^{o}*	Nicholas Roosevelt, *Second Major.*
Joseph Bull, *Lieut. Coll^{o}*	John White, *Adjutant.*
Anthony L. Bleecker, *First Major.*	Nicholas Quackenboss, *Quarter Master.*

The aforesaid Regiment to consist of Ten Companies (Viz):

Beat No 1	Peter Stoutenburgh,	Captain.	11 Nicholas Low,	Captain.
2	Samuel Johnson,	do.	12 Peter Bertune,	do.
6	Peter Elting,	do.	15 Henry Remsen,	do.
7	John Roome, Esq.,	do.	16 Garret S. Dewint,	do.
10	Garret Abeel,	do.	20 Thomas W. Moore,	do.

Names of Field and Staff officers for the *Second* Regiment (Viz):

John Jay, Esqr., *Coll^{o}*	Morgan Lewis, *Second Major.*
John Broome, *Lieut. Coll^{o}*	Patrick McDavitt, *Adjutant.*
Garret Abeel, *first Major.*	Abraham Brinkerhoff, *Quartermaster.*

The Second Regiment to consist of Ten companies (Viz):

Beat No. 3	Mangle Minthorn,	Captain.	Beat No. 14 George Dominick,	Captain.
4	James Brown,	do.	17 Richard Fletcher,	do.
8	Benjamin James,	do.	21 Daniel Phœnix,	do.
9	George Janeway,	do.	22 Nicholas Roosevelt,	do.
13	Benjamin Carpenter,	do.	23 Daniel Shaw.	do.

N. B. Nicholas C. Bogart declines serving.

Names of Field and Staff Officers for the *Third* Regiment (Viz):

Abraham P. Lott, *Coll^{o}*	John Read, *Second Major.*
Peter T. Curtenius, *Lieut-Coll^{o}*	Nicholas C. Bogart, *adjutant.*
Anthony Lispenard, *First-Major.*	Andrew Breasted, *Quarter Master.*

The Third Regiment to consist of Nine Companies (Viz):

Beat No. 5	Anthony Lispenard,	Captain.	26 Nathaniel Tylee,	Captain.
18	William Depeyster, Ju^{r}	do.	28 Theopholus Anthony,	do.
19	Nicholas N. Anthony,	do.	29 Samuel Benson,	do.
24	John Warner,	do.	27 John Grigg.	do.
25	Richard Deane,	do.		

[Commissions Issued 3^{d} Nov^{r} 1775.]

Orders to pay Mr. Elphinston and Mrs. Moodie.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 190.]

About June 1775. The Treasurer was directed to pay W^{m} Elphinston 20s p^{r} Week till Otherwise ordered by Congress.

1775 October (*sic*). The Treasurer was Ordered to pay £5 Monthly to the wife of Andrew Moodie an Adjutant who went to Canada and was taken prisoner the 31st December, the £5 has been continued to his wife till this Time.

Election of Officers at Hanover, Ulster County.

[Military Returns, 26: 202.]

At a meeting of the committee of Hanover precinct, at the house of Arthur Parks on Monday the fourteenth of Aug. 1775, Alex Treemble chosen Chairman; when it was *Resolved*, That the committee do attend at the election of officers in this precinct as Follows.

Resolved, That John Wilkin and Samuel Parkley do attend Capt Newkirks Company this day; and they attended accordingly and Mathias Felta was elected Captain, Henry Smith, 1st Lieut., Johannis Newkirk, Junr 2d do., William Crist, Ensign.

Resolved, That Alexander Tremble and James Miligan do attend Capt. Goldsmith's Company this day, and they attended accordingly and William Jackson was elected Captain, Arthur Parks, 1st Lieut., James McBride, 2d do., Andrew Neelly, Ensign.

Resolved, That William Jackson and James McBride do attend Capt. Coldens Company, on Friday the 18th Inst, and they attended accordingly and Cadwaladar C. Colden was elected Captain, James Miligan, 1st Lieut., John Hunter, 2d do., Mathew Hunter, Ensign.

Resolved, That Henry Smith and John Wilkins do attend Capt. Crages Company on Friday the 18th inst, and they attended accordingly and John J. Graham was elected Captain, Samuel Barkly, 1st Lieut., Joseph Crawford, 2d do., James McCurdy, Ensign

Resolved, That Jacob Newkirk and Arthur Parks do attend Capt. Galatians Company on Friday the 18th Inst, and they attended accordingly and John Galaspie was elected Captain, Jason Wilkins, first Lieut., Robert Hunter, Junr 2d do., Samuel Galaspie, Ensign.

The above is a true return of all the officers that have been chosen in the five companies in the Precinct of Hanover in Ulster county, agreeable to the Resolves of the Provincial Congress.

By Order of the Committee.

ALEXR TREMBLE, *Chairman.*

Hanover, Oct. 7th 1775.

[Commissions Issued 25 Octr 1775.]

Minute Men in Dutchess County.

[Mil. Rel. 26: 3, 288, 232]

John Van Ness, *Colonel*,
Cornelius Humphrey, *Lieut. Colonel*,
Robert G. Livingston, Junr, James Reed, *Majors*,
Reuben Hopkins, *Adjutant*,
Joseph Ketcham, Junr *Quartermaster*,

Jacobus Swartwout, *Colonel*,
John Baily Junr *Lieut. Colonel*,
Malcom Morrison, Henry Schenk, *Majors*,
Joshua Carman, Junr *Adjutant*,
Henry Godwin, *Quartermaster*,

[Commission issued, and dated Oct. 17th, 1775.] GILBERT LIVINGSTON.

At a meeting of a minute company in Charlotte precinct in Dutchess county, the following officers were chosen under the Inspection of Cornelius Humphrey and David Southerland two of the committee for said precinct; Smith Southerland, Captain, Zaccheus Marshall, 1st Lieutenant, Uriah Sill, 2d Lieutenant, Stephen Haight, Ensign.

CORNELIUS HUMFREY.

Dated Oct. 8, 1775. [Commissions Issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

At a Meeting of the Minett Company of Paulings Precinct on the Ninth day, Instant, October, at the House of Wm Conroys, Said Company Made Choice of the following gentlemen for there officers, viz: Phenehas Woodard, Capt., Comfort Shaw, Jr., 1st Lieut Mar Williams, 2d Do., Gideon Ousterhout, Insign

Under the Inspection of

ANDREW MOREHOUSE,
BENJN SHERMAN,
Committee Men.

Oct. 9, 1775.

[Commissions Issued Oct. 17, 1775.]

Officers of Minute Men, Goshen.

[Mil. Rel. 26: 214]

Mr. Chairman: In Obedience to an Order of Committy for Goshen Precinct we have this day duly Inspected the Legal Choice of Officers in a Company of Minet

Men for Purling Brook and do return them as follows, (viz): John Wisner, Junor, Capt., George Lucky, first Lieut., John Sutton, 2d Do., David Armstrong, Ensign.

Witness our hands this 10th Oct. 1775.

PETER CLOWES,
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.

A Copy from the Original Letter.

ISAAC NICHOLL, *Clark.*

I desire Commissions may be granted to the above Persons.

I am Your Humbl Sevt DANL EVERETT, *Chairman.*

[Commissions Issued Oct. 13, 1775.]

Petition of Timothy Doughty & other Prisoners.

[Petitions, 31: 36.]

NEW YORK GOAL, 11th Octr 1775.

To the Gentlemen of the Congress.

The Humble petition of Timothy Doughty, Christian Bergh, Junr and Adam Bergh Sheweth,

That your petitioners have been confined almost six weeks expecting to be brought to Triel for a certain mesdemenar Laid to their Charge and your petitioners have expended all their money and must now suffer without they have a speady Delivery your said petitioners also have large familys of 20 children at home Not able to maintain them selves Because of their infancy your petitioners therefore humbly prays that the Gentlemen of Congress will Take the same into consideration and give your petitioners a speady hearing or at Least permit your petitioners the Liberty of the Town so that they may go to their acquaintence and obtain a living with them untill such times they shall be called upon to have their hearing your petitioners promises Not to leave the Town till they shall Be Duely Discharged they also will appear Every day at the hall if it is Required and your petitioners will ever pray.

CHRISTIAN BERGH, Junr
ADAM BERGH,
TIMOTHY DOUGHTY.

October 11 1775.

Election of Officers at Walkill.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 38.]

At a Meeting of the Minute Company Raised in the Precinct of the Walkill on the 12th day of Octr 1775 they chose the following persons for their officers viz.: Frances Burn, Capt., Samuel McCord, first Lieut Robert Rogers, second lieut William Wilkin, Junr Ensign.

The above Election was Inspected by two Committee Men agreeable to the Resolves of the Provincial Congress by order of the Committee.

HENRY WISNER,
*Chairman of the Com*y

To the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

Petition of John Van Pelt.

[Petitions, 31: 40.]

To the Honourable Congress of New York.

GENTELMEN: I hope you will take this petion into Consideration And have compassion on me Who am a well wisher to my Country that you will relieve my Son Wich has not been no Determent to his Country and taking no Clothes nor any thing of them an Gentlemen I will tell you the Reason of His Leaving them he Entered

Sergeant under Captain Cheeman and During Wich time he was ill used and Struck By Sergeant Dow belonging to the aforesaid Company Whereas The Laws is Not to Chalenge nor fight he bore all that haiving The Side of his face swoln with the blow about four or five Days after he was taking sick With the Vomiting an purging And the next morning they sent the Guard for him he being very sick an unable to go and beg[d] to be excused and Would Come as soon as he was Able and immediately after they came back and said he must go along With them Sick or Well an hearing this he got out of the bed and went with them and when he came into The Barrack gate one of the Sergeants said put this Willen into the guardhouse the Doctor hearing this called him and gave him A physic and bid him go and take it and according to the Doctors orders he came home and took the physic and the next morning he went to the Barracks and going to his place to Write the Sergeant said he had no business there and said they had a Sergeant in his place and that he was a Common man and this Disturbed his Mind and he took it to heart came home and said if they use me so here how will they Do When they Get me Yonder and from that he Went away and Left them.

Now Gentlemen in the Name of take pitty and Release my son for my heart is full of grief.

I, John Van Pelt Mason of New York Do beg A favour of Congress to accept of this petition to give my son his Discharge for I have heard that he is in a poor state of Health and so God bless you and I remain your true friend of Liberty

October 16, 1775. JOHN VAN PELT.

Commission of Captain Isaac Hegeman.

[Mis. Pap., 34: 101.]

In Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York, }
The seventeenth day of October, 1775. }

To Isaac Hegeman, Esquire, greeting:

By virtue of the authority reposed in us we do hereby nominate, authorize, constitute and appoint you the said Isaac Hegeman to be Captain of a Company of Militia of Foot in Rumbout precinct in Dutchess County in the Regiment whereof Direk Brinkerhoff Esquire is Colonel hereby requiring you before you enter into the exercise of your said office to make in Writing and subscribe in Presence of the Chairman of the Committee of the City, Town, District, or precinct wherein you reside, the Declaration appointed and directed by the Eleventh Section of the Seventh Resolve contained in the Rules and Orders for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York recommended by this Congress on the 22[d] day of August 1775 and authorizing you fully to execute all the Powers belonging to your said office by Virtue of the said Rules and Orders and the said Declaration. And we do hereby require all Persons under your Command to pay due Obedience to you according to the said Rules and Orders and such further Rules and Orders as shall be made and recommended for the Militia of this Colony by the present or any future Continental Congress or Provincial Congress of this Colony

By Order:

NATH[EL] WOODHULL, *Presid[t]*

Attest: John McKesson, *Secry.*

Commission of Ensign Van Keuren.

[Mil. Ret., 26; 126.]

In Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York, }
the Seventeenth day of October, 1775. }

To Matthew Van Keuren, Gentleman, Greeting:

By virtue of the authority reposed in us We do hereby nominate, authorize, constitute and appoint you the said *Matthew Van Keuren*, Ensign, of the Company of

Minute Men whereof John Schenck Esq^{r} is Captain, hereby requiring you before you enter into the Exercise of your said Office, to make in Writing, and subscribe in Presence of the Chairman of the Committee of the City, Town, District, or Precinct wherein you reside, the Declaration appointed and directed by the Eleventh Section of the Seventh Resolve, Contained in the Rules and Orders for Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New York, recommended by this Congress on the 22nd day of August, 1775, and authorizing you fully to execute all the Powers belonging to your said office, by virtue of the said Rules and Orders, and the said Declaration. And we do hereby require all Persons under your Command to pay due Obedience to you, according to the said Rules and Orders, and such further Rules and Orders as shall be made and recommended for the Militia of this Colony, by the present, or any future Continental Congress, or Provincial Congress of this Colony.

By Order:

Attest: Rob^{t} Benson, *Sec^{y}* NATH^{l} WOODHALL, *President.*

(No. 2.) Like Commission issued to John Child, Second Lieutenant, Same Company & Date.

(No. 3.) Like Commission issued to Peter Tappan, first Lieutenant, Same Company & Date.

(No. 4.) Like Commission issued to John Schenck Esq^{r} Captain, Same Company & Date.

Plan for Establishing a Linen Factory.

[Petitions, 31: 62, 66.]

The following Plan for establishing a Linen Manufactory is humbly presented to the Hon^{ble} the Provincial Congress:

It is unnecessary to point out to your Honors the necessity and Utility there is at present for establishing a Linen Manufactory and I have been carefully instructed in every branch of the Linen Manufactory from the sowing of the Flax seed untill it is fit for the wearer and I am so fully convinced that Manufactories under proper directions can be carried on in this Country with equal advantage to that of any part of the World from a variety of reasons which if necessary I will explain, I have already drawn out a Plan which I have shown to a number of Gentlemen who all approve much of the scheme and has already subscribed as adventurers in it; some of your Honors from a principal of public spirit has informed me that they cou'd wish such a Manufactory cou'd be carried on in such an extensive manner as to employ a number of our Industrious Poor, and has requested of me to furnish your Honors with an estimate of said Manufactory. First I wou'd propose that the sum of £2000 shou'd be applyed to the carrying on a Manufactory of Linens Cottons and sewing threads and coarse sheetings made of hemp. That a Treasurer shall be appointed and four or more Gentlemen who shall serve Gratis to inspect and enquire unto the state of the Manufactory; a Clerk to keep the Books and give out the Flax to the Spinners; the Treasurer is not to pay any money without a written order from one of the managers.

As I am fully convinced that the Manufactory may be carried on to advantage and the profits which appear by the annexed Estimate being rather under than over, I will undertake to conduct the whole Manufactory on receiving one half of the Profits which arise from the £2000.

I beg your Honors will be as speedy as possible in coming to a determination that I may know whether to relinquish my other Scheme or not.

I am with respect Gent. your mo^{t} Hble Serv^{t}

October 17, 1775. JOHN HUNTER.

Plan.

£——— to be appropriated by the Congress to the purpose of Setting up Manufactories of Linen, Woolen &c in the Province: This money to be raised (if raised at all) by a Lottery, let the Profits of the Manufactories be applied to public services.

It will not do to repay the £——— with the money arising from the sale of the goods, because this will very soon put an end to manufacturing.

To carry on the business properly it will be necessary to have a number of Inspectors or Superintendants whose business should be to see the raw materials and the manufactures properly taken care of, to inspect the Treasurer and Clerks accounts and see that nothing is embezzled, or carelessly destroyed or wasted.

The Treasurer should not be allowed to pay any money except for accounts or orders signed by the Clerk and countersigned by at least one of the Inspectors.

The Department of the Clerk should be to receive and deliver out raw materials and manufactures, to have the care and keeping of both; and to keep exact accounts of the Disbursements and Receipts of the manufactory. For these purposes he will need an assistant, and as the Clerk's office will be burthensome he should be allowed, besides an assistant a compensation for his trouble.

The work to be done at the Manufacturer's Houses.

Petition of Philip Henning.

[Petitions, 31: 44.]

To the Honourable Congress Now Convened The Humble Petition Shewed,

That whereas I have obtained a Pas from the Country beloving Captain Isaac Sears to the Boston Camp an as I was Intented to General Washington the Honorable Colonel Ritzma being informed of my going there Inlisteded me in an Office of Quarter Master Serjand on the 7 of August along with Colonel M^{c}Dugal to serve under Quartermaster Tapp which office I have addented till this 17 Instant. When all at once and unexpectily one Captain Ledgard with one Legerow or something else Dementing the Keys of the Store from me Discharging me without assigning any Reason why most Shamfuly and scantelous whereas I migth have hat in Somer a many oppertunities for making my Bread tenting all Sumer and now Discharged when Winter is Coming on having received no payment from Coloner M^{c}Dugal but 40 ott Shillings as he said he tit not know wath my wayges vas. at the end of the other month I sent for my money which was Deneyed to me. having trawn no provision sense I in Boston Dementing it from the New Q. M. bud refus^{d} as also a Barrel of Rice given to me In store belonging to me also Refused the said Q. M. as I have Demented a Recebt for those things I lefth in store where I and M^{r} Tapp has given Recebts for them and suppose shall be accountable for the same, also Refused by said Q. M. and Captain Ledgard.

The reason thereof I to not know your petitioner desires no more from the Honourable Congress as a Honourable Discharge and a Free pas I shall also Inclose my whole acct of my Book and the Recebt thereof I shall be Reaty at any day when Ever the Honourable Congress shall appint Letting me know a day or 2 before as to be able to sort them as I have above 2000; I hope the Honourable Congress will thake this in consiteration And your Petitioner shall for ever pray.

PHILIP HENNING,
Former Q. M. Sergeant.

New York, October 18, 1775.

Samuel Tuder to Nathaniel Woodhull.

[Petitions, 31: 60.]

New York, 18th October, 1775.

Sir: As I am Informed the Hon^{ble} Congress has it under Consideration to fix the Rank of the City Artilery Companies, My Intreating it to be determined as soon as Convenient, and offering my sentiments thereon, will not, I hope be thought presumtous, My duty to you, myself and the Company I have the Honour to Command urge me thereto, To you sir that you be properly Informed, to myself and the Company, that in case we be deprived of our Right I shall stand Acquitted of Remissness.

I therefore beg leave to Inform you that my Company is of as long standing as Captain Rutgers's Commission. That is about three years, that his Company does

not consist of half my members, that mine was always styled the first Company, And until now was the only Artillery Company, And that it has been kept up with great Expence and Industry for the Service of this Country which good Intention, I fear will be defeated should it loose that Rank which we, with Submission think it Justly Intitled to, of, remaining the first Company.

The event sir, I have some cause to Apprehend from Captain Rutgers Receiving an order for two pieces of Cannon, Whilst I with a much larger and deciplined Company have Received but one And am therefore disapointed in my early repeated Applications to your Honourable Body in the promise I had of being first Supply^{d} and the pains I took to forward the Casting them.

I am with the greatest Respect Sir Your Most Obed^{t} Serv^{t}

To Nathaniel Woodhull, Esq^{r} SAM^{L} TUDER.

Field Officers for West Chester County.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 13.]

1st *Regiment.*

Joseph Drake, Col^{l}
James Hammond, Lieut.
Moses Drake, 1st Major.
Jonathan G. Graham, 2^{d} Major.
Abraham Emmons, Adjutant.
Theophilus Barton, ju^{r} Quarter Master.

2nd *Regiment.*

Thomas Thomas, Coll.
Gilbert Budd, Lieut. Col.
Ebenezer Lockwood, 1st Major.
Thaddeus Crane, 2' Major.
Jonathan G. Tompkins, Adjutant.
John Thomas, ju^{r} Quarter Master.

3rd *Regiment.*

Pierre Van Cortlandt, Coll.
Gilbert Drake, Lieut. Coll.
Joseph Strang, 1st Major.
Ebenezer Purdy, 2^{d} Major.
John Cooley, Adjutant.
Issac Norton, Quartermaster.

[Commissions issued & Dated Oct^{r} 19th 1775.]

Officers of the West Farms and Fordham Company.

[Mil. Ret. 26; 234.]

West Farms and Manor of Fordham, in the Borough of West Chester, 21st of October 1775.

It being determined by a Committee of the County of West Chester, that the above-said places should be one distinct Beat or district; We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee of Inspection to preside at the Election for Officers of the Militia for said beat do most humbly represent to the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York, that they have proceeded to the choice of Officers in Conformity to the Orders of the s^{d} Hon'ble Provincial Congress, when the underwritten Persons were unanimously Chose. Capt. Nicholas Berrian, 1st Lieut. Gilbert Taylor, 2^{d} Do. Daniel Devoe, jun^{r} Ensign Benjamin Valentine.

THOMAS HUNT,
ABRAHAM LEGGETT.

[Commissions issued this 31st Oct^{r} 1775.]

Officers of the Seventeen Albany County Regiments.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 157, 188.]

City of Albany, 1st Regiment:

Jacob Lansing, Jun^{r} Colonel.
Dirck Ten Broeck, Lieut. Do.
Henry Wendell, Abraham Cuyler, } Majors.
Volkert A. Douw, Adjutant.
Ephraim Van Veghten, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
John Barclay, Capt.
John Price, Abraham I. Yates, } Lieuts.
John Scot, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Thomas Barret, Capt.
Matthew Visscher, Abraham Eights, } Lieuts.
John Hoogkirk, Ensign.

3rd *Do.*
John Williams, Capt.
Henry Staats, Barent Van Aelen, } Lieuts.
Henry Hogen, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
John M. Beeckman, Capt.
Isaac De Freest, Abraham Ten Eyck, } Lieuts.
Teunis T. Van Veghten, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Harmanus Wendell, Capt.
William Hun, Jacob G. Lansingh, } Lieuts.
Cornelius Wendell, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
John N. Bleecker, Capt.
John Jas Beeckman, Casparus Pruyn, } Lieuts.
Nicholas Marselis, Ensign.

A true copy from the returns of the Committee of the different Wards.
MAT. VISSCHER, *Clerk.*

[Commissions Issued Oct. 20, 1775.]

Schenectady District, 2d Regiment:
Abraham Wemple, Colonel.
Jacob Schermerhorn, Lieut. Do.
Abraham Swits, 1st Major.
Nicholas Veeder, 2d Do.
Arent N. Van Petten, Adjutant.
John Peck Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Jillis J. Fonda, Capt.
Andrew Van Petten, 1st Lieut.
Myndert Wemple, 2d Do.
Nicholas Yates, Ensign.

2nd *Do.*
John Myndertse, Capt.
Gerrit N. Veeder, 1st Lieut.
Solomon Pendleton, 2d Do.
Lawrance Myndertse, Ensign.

3rd *Do.*
John Van Patten, Capt.
Cornelius Mabey, 1st Lieut.
Simon F. Van Petten, 2d Do.
Daniel Toll, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Abraham Wemple, Capt.
Thomas B. Banker, 1st Lieut.
Abraham Swits, 2d Do.
John B. Vrooman, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Thomas Wasson, Capt.
1st Lieut.
2d Do.
Ensign.

A true copy from the Returns of Said District.
[Commissions Issued 20th Oct. 1775. MAT. VISSCHER, *Clerk.*

Rensselaerwyck District, 3d 4th 5th and 6th Regiments.

3rd Regiment, 1st Rensselaerwyck Battalion:
Abraham Ten Broeck, Colo Comdt
Francis Nicoll, Lieut. Colo
Henry Quackenbush, Barent Staats, } Majors.
John P. Quackenbush, Adjutant.
Christopher Lansingh, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Henry Quackenbush, Capt.
Jacob J. Lansingh, 1st Lieut.
Levinus Winne, 2d do.
John Von Woerdt, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Abraham D. Fonda, Capt.
Henry Oothoudt, Jr. 1st Lieut.
Levinus F. Lansingh, 2d do.
Jacob J. Lansingh, Ensign.

3d *Do.*
Peter Schuyler, Capt.
Abraham Witbeeck 1st Lieut.
Henry Ostrum, 2d do.
Peter S. Schuyler, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Barent Staats, Capt.
Dirck Becker, 1st Lieut.
John Van Wie, 2d do.
George Hogan, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Gerrit G. Vanden Bergh, Capt.
Peter Van Wie, 1st Lieut.
Wouter Becker, 2d do.
Abraham Slingerlandt, Ensign.

4th Regiment, 2d Rensselaerwyck Battalion:
Killiaen Van Rensselaer, Coll°
John H. Beeckman, Lieut. Do.
Cornelius Van Beuren, } Majors.
Jacob C. Schemerhorn, }
Jacobus Van Der Pool, Adjutant.
John A. Lansing, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Coenraedt Ten Eyck, Capt.
Peter Witbeeck, 1st Lieut.
Albert H. Van Der Zee, 2d Do.
John L. Witbeeck, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
William P. Winne, Capt.
John De Voe, 1st Lieut.
Phillip C. Look, 2d Do.
Corns Van Der Zee, Ensign.

3d *Do.*
Volkert Veeder, Capt.
Abraham Veeder, 1st Lieut.
Jacob Lagrange, 2d Do.
Andrew Truax, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Jacob Van Aeram, Capt.
John Groot, 1st Lieut.
George Wagenaer, 2d Do.
Frederick Cranzt, Jr. Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Jacob Ball, Capt.
John Warner, 1st Lieut.
Peter Dietz, 2d do.
Jost Schefer, Ensign.

5th Regiment, 3rd Rensselaerwyck Battalion:
Stephen Schuyler, Coll°
Gerrit G. Van Den Bergh, Lieut. Col°
Peter P. Schuyler, } Majors.
Volkert Veeder, }
Maas Van Vranken, Adjutant.
Francis Marshall, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Cornelius Van Beuren, Capt.
Nicholas Staats, 1st Lieut.
Obadiah Lansingh, 2d Do.
Philip Staats, Ensign.

3rd *Do.*
Volkert Van Veghten, Capt.
Gerrit T. Van Den Bergh, 1st Lieut.
John Amory, 2d Do.
Jacob Van Schaick, Ensign.

2nd *Do.*
John H. Beekman, Capt.
Jacob C. Schermerhorn, 1st Lieut.
Abraham I. Van Valkenburgh, 2d Do.
Jacobus Van Der Pool, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Isaac Muller, Capt.
Henry Shaus, 1st Lieut.
Johannis Lodewick, 2d Do.
John Muller Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Philip De Freest, Capt.
Rynier Van Alsteyn, 1st Lieut.
Peter Sharp, 2d Do.
David De Forrest, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
John J. Fonda, Capt.
John P. Fonda, 1st Lieut.
George Berger, 2d Do.
George Scharpe, Ensign.

6th Regiment, 4th Rensselaerwyck Battalion:

Stephen J. Schuyler, Colle
Henry K. Van Rensselaer, Lieut. Colle
Philip De Freest, } Majors.
John J. Fonda, }
Volkert Oothoudt, Adjutant.
Jacob Van Alstyn, Quartermaster.

1st *Company.*
Henry H. Gardoneer, Capt.
Jacob Van Der Heyden, 1st Lieut.
Adam Beam, 2d Do.
Henry Tincher, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Cornelius Lansingh, Capt.
Lodewick Snyder, 1st Lieut.
Andries Stool, 2d Do.
Jacob Weeger, Ensign.

3rd *Do.*
Luke Schermerhorn, Capt.
James Malyee, 1st Lieut.
Reuben Knap, 2d Do.
Aron Hamon, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Ichabud Turner, Capt.
Joel Pease, st Lieut.
Jonathan Niels, 2d Do.
Joel Curtis, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Caleb Bently, Capt.
Samuel Shaw, 1st Lieut.
David Hustis, 2d Do.
Thomas Crandell, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
James Denniston, Capt.
Stephen Niels, 1st Lieut.
Obadiah Vaughan, 2d Do.
Oliver Bently, Ensign.

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Kinderhook District, 7th Regiment:

Andries Witbeck, Colonel.
Barent Van Der Pool, Lieut. Colle
Lawrence Goes, } Majors.
Cornelius Van Shaack, }
Isaac Van Der Poel, Adjutant.
John D. Goes, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Lambart Borghardt, Capt.
Isaael P. Van Valkenburgh, 1st Lieut.
Johannis J. Van Alstyne, 2d Do.
Nicholas Kittle, Junr, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Gysbert I. Scherpe, Capt.
Johannis Phillip, 1st Lieut.
Peter J. Van Valkenburgh, 2d Do.
Gose Quackenboss, Ensign.

3d *Do.*
Philip Van Alstyne, Capt.
John I. Goes, 1st Lieut.
Peter Hugmine, 2d Do
Andries Van Der Poel, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Direk Gardinier, Capt.
Evert Vossburgh, 1st Lieut.
Johannis Klaws, 2d Do.
Jacobus McNiel, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Abraham I. Van Alstyne, Capt.
Burger Klaws, 1st Lieut.
David Van Ness, 2d Do.
John Van Ness, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
Joshua Hall, Capt.
Samuel Rowland, 1st Lieut.
Henry Bush, 2d Do.
Thomas Beebe, Ensign.

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8th Regiment, 1st Claverack Battalion:

Robert Van Rensselaer, Colonel.
JohnVan Alen, Lieut. Do.
Henry J. Van Rensselaer, } Majors.
Richard Esselstyne, }
Abraham A. Van Alen, Adjutant.
Lawrence Fonda, Quartermaster.

1st *Company.*
Jeremiah Muller, Captain.
William Van Ness, Jur. 1st Lieut.
Joghum Muller, 2d Do.
James Hogeboom, Ensign.

2d *Company.*
Jasper Huyck, Captain.
John Upham, 1st Lieut.
Glonda DeLametter, 2d Do.
Justus Van Hoesen, Ensign,

3rd *Company.*
John Bartee, Captain.
Michael Horton, 1st Lieut.
Hendrick Blatner, 2d Do.
Jacob Best, Ensign.

4th *Company.*
Jacob Philip, Captain.
Peter Wiesmer, 1st Lieut.
Jeremiah Johs Muller, 2d Do.
George Philip, Ensign.

5th *Company.*
Casparis Conyn, Captain.
John Oosterhout, 1st Lieut.
James Eltinge, 2d Do.
Philip Bartee, Ensign.

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9th Regiment, 2d Claverack Battalion:

Peter Van Ness, Colonel.
Stephen Hogeboom, Lieut. Do.
Jacob Ford, } Majors.
David ——— }
Bartholomew Heath, Adjutant.
Jonathan Dean, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Philip Bartel, Captain.
Cornelius Hogeboom, 1st Lieut.
Elias De Long, 2d Do.
Mathew Reh, Ensign.

2d *Company.*
Ishamar Spencer, Captain.
Abner Hawley, 1st Lieut.
David Pratt, 2d Do.
Amaziah Phillip, Ensign.

3rd *Company.*
Jonah Graves, Captain.
Charles McArthur, 1st Lieut.
William Tigner, 2d Do.
Elijah Bement, Ensign.

4th *Company.*
Jacob Ford, Captain.
Thomas Brown, 1st Lieut.
Bartholomew Barrat, 2d Do.
Ephraim Leech, Ensign.

5th *Company.*
Martin Krum, Captain.
Isaac Vossburgh, 1st Lieut.
Abraham Vossburgh, 2d Do.
Johannis Shirtz, Ensign.

6th *Company.*
John Hallenbeck, Captain.
Bartholomew Heth, 1st Lieut.
Nathaniel House, 2d Do.
Johannis J. Van Valkenburg, Ensign.

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[Commissions issued 20th Oct. 1775.]

Field and other Commissioned Officers in the District of Manor Livingston, 10th Regiment.

Peter R. Livingston, Collo
Robert R. Livingston Junr Lieut. Collo
Henry Livingston Esqr First Major.
Samuel Ten Broeck, Second Major.
Philip Rockefeller, Adjutant.
Petrus Wyncoop, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Direk Jansen, Captain.
Leonard Ten Broeck, 1st Lieut.
William Pulfer, 2d do
Jacob Blass, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Joseph Elliot, Captain.
John Van Beuren, 1st Lieut.
John P. McArthur, 2d Do
John McArthur, Ensign.

3rd *Do.*
Markes Blatner, Captain.
George Decker, 1st Lieut.
Zachariah Volant, 2d Do.
Christopher Hagedern, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Conradt Klyne, Captain.
John L. Decker, 1st Lieut.
James Robinson, 2d Do
Jacob Vossburgh, Ensign.

9th *Do.*
Samuel Ten Broeck, Captain.
Petus Van Gaasbeeck, 1st Lieut.
Hendrick Pulver, 2d Do
Samuel I. Ten Broeck, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
John A. Fonda, Captain.
Peter Pulver, 1st Lieut.
Fite Rossman, 2d Do
John Schaver, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
Jacob F. Schaver, Captain.
Peter Van DeBogart Jr 1st Lieut.
Fite Muller, 2d Do
Johannis Best Jour Ensign.

7th *Do.*
Adam Huysradt, Captain.
Henry Ervine, 1st Lieut.
Johannis Snyder, 2d Do
Jurry P. Dunn, Ensign.

8th *Do.*
Philip Smith, Captain.
Casper Schults, 1st Lieut.
Adam Segendorph, 2d Do
Bastiaen Jurry Lasher, Ensign.

German Camp District to be added to the District of Manor Livingston.
Tiel Rockefeller, Captain.
Jacob Hagedorn, 1st Lieut.
William Rockefeller, 2d Do
Henry Will, Ensign.

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Coxakey and Groote Imboght, 11th Regiment.

Anthony Van Bergen, Colle
Cornelius Du Bois, Lieut. Do.
Ignatius Van Arden, 1st Major.
John L. Bronck, 2d Do.
John Ten Broeck, Adjutant.
Hubartus Van Loon, Quarter Master.

1st
Thomas Hooghteeling, Capt.
Henry Van Bergen, 1st Lieut.
Richard Van Den Bergh, 2d Do.
Cornelius Conine, Ensign.

2d
Philip Bronck, Capt.
Myndert Van Schaick, 1st Lieut.
Albert Van Loon, 2d Do.
Jochim Tryon, Ensign.

3d
Samuel Van Veghten, Capt.
Johannis Rows, 1st Lieut.
Jacob Van Veghten, 2d Do.
John Dubois, Ensign.

4th
John A. Witbeeck, Capt.
Francis Salisbury, Jur 1st Lieut.
Wessel Salisbury, 2d Do.
Barent Staats Salisbury, Ensign.

5th
David Abeel, Capt.
William Snyder, 1tt Lieut.
Willm Van Orden Dumond, 2d do.
John Wigram, Ensign.

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[Commissions Issued 20 Oct. 1775.]

Field and other Officers of the Half Moon and Ballston Districts, 12th Regt

Jacobus Van Schoonhoven, Coll.
James Gorden, Lieut. Do.
Ezekiel Taylor, 1st Major.
Andrew Mitchell, 2d Do.
David Rumsey, Adjutant.
Simon Ford, Quarter Master.

1st
Gerardus Cluet, Capt.
Albert Van Der Werken, 1st Lieut.
Robert Rowland, 2d Do.
John Van Der Werken, Ensign.

2d
Nanning N. Visscher, Capt.
John Van Vranken, 1st Lieut.
Nicholas Van Vranken, 2d Do.
Maas Van Vranken, Ensign.

3d
Jeremiah Vincent, Capt.
Joseph Pinkney, 1st Lieut.
Peter Ferguson, 2d Do.
Elias Van Steenburgh, Ensign.

4th
Joshua Losee, Capt.
Thomas Hicks, 1st Lieut.
Cornelius Veeling, 2d Do.
Oliver Waight, Ensign.

5th
Tyrannus Collins, Capt.
William McCrea, 1st Lieut.
Benjamin Wood, 2d Do.
David Clark, Ensign.

6th
Stephen White, Capt.
Thomas Brown, 1st Lieut.
Epinetus White, 2d Do.
Nathan Raymond, Ensign.

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Saratoga District, 13th Regiment.

John McCrea, Colo
Cornelius Van Veghten, Lieut. Do.
Daniel Dickinson, 1st Major.
Jacob Van Schaick, 2d Do.
Archibald McNeil, Adjutant.
John Vernor, Quarter Master.

1st
Peter Van Woert, Capt.
James Storm, 1st Lieut.
Jonathan Dunham, 2d Do.
Gerrit Van Beuren, Ensign.

2d
John Thomson, Capt.
Josiah Benjamin, 1st Lieut.
John Hunter, 2d Do.
Joseph Row, Ensign.

3d
Henry O'Hara, Capt.
Benjamin Giles, 1st Lieut.
Jonathan Pittet, 2d Do.
James Pittet, Ensign.

4th
Ephraim Woodward, Capt.
Thomas Balard, 1st Lieut.
Holturn Dunham, 2d Do.
Abel Belknap, Ensign.

5th
Ephram Lake, Captain.
Samuel Sheldon, 1st Lieut.
Jabez Gage, 2d Do.
Benajah Sheldon, Ensign.

6th
Joseph Palmer, Capt.
John Davis, 1st Lieut.
Hezekiah Dunham, 2d Do.
Alpheus Davis, Ensign.

7th
David Jones, Capt.
Samuel Perry, 1st Lieut.
Peter Winne, 2d Do.
Elisha Bentley, Ensign.

Minute.
Alexander Baldwin, Capt.
Samuel Bacon, 1st Lieut.
Walter Hughet, 2d Do.
Elias Palmer, Ensign.

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Hoosack and Schaghtekoeke District, 14th Regiment.

John Knickerbacker, Colonel.
Daniel Bratt, Lieut. Do.
Direk Van Veghten, 1st Major.
John Van Rensselaer, 2d Do.
Charles H. Toll, Adjutant.
Ignas Kip, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
Hendrick Van Derhoof, Capt.
Samuel Ketchem, 1st Lieut.
Nathaniel Ford, 2d Do.
Jacob Hallenbeeck, Ensign.

2d *Do.*
Walter N. Groesbeck, Capt.
Wynant Van Den Bergh, 1st Lieut.
Peter Davenport, 2d Do.
Jacob Yates, Ensign.

3d *Do.*
John Jas Bleecker, Capt.
John Snyder, 1st Lieut.
Matthew De Garmo, 2d Do.
Stephen Thorn, Ensign.

4th *Do.*
Lewis Van Woerdt, Capt.
John Schouten, 1st Lieut.
Joseph Boyce, 2d Do.
John Morrel, Ensign.

5th *Do.*
Fenner Palmer, Capt.
John Johnson, 1st Lieut.
James Williamson, 2d Do.
Jonathan Davis, Ensign.

6th *Do.*
Daniel B. Bratt, Capt.
Michael Lampman, 1st Lieut.
Isaac Lansingh, 2d Do.
Francis Hogal, Ensign.

7th *Do.*
——— Van Rensselaer, Capt.
Michael Ryan, 1st Lieut.
——— ———, 2d Do.
Peter Hartwell, Ensign.

Minute.
John Jas Bleecker, Capt.
William Thorne, 1st Lieut.
Thomas Hicks, 2d Do.
Jonathan Ronland, Ensign.

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[Commissions Isssued 20th Oct. 1775.] MAT. VISSCHER, *Clerk.*

United Districts of Schoharry and Duanesburgh, 15th Regiment.

Peter Vrooman, Colle
Peter W. Ziele, Lieut. Do.
Thomas Eckerson, Junr 1st Major.
Jost Becker, 2d Do.
Lawrence Schoolcraft, Adjutant.
Peter Ball, Quarter Master.

1st *Company.*
George Man, Capt.
Christian Stubragh, 1st Lieut.
John Dominack, 2d Do.
Jacob Snyder, Ensign.

2d *Compy*
Jacob Hager, Capt.
Martynus Van Slyck, 1st Lieut.
Johannis W. Bauch, 2d Do.
Johannis L. Lawyer, Ensign.

3d *Compy*
George Rechtmyer, Capt.
Johannis J. Lawyer, 1st Lieut.
Martynus W. Ziele, 2d Do.
Johannis Lawyer Bellinger, Ensign.

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[Commissions issued Octr 20, 1775.] MATT VISSCHER, *Clerk.*
[There is no Record of the 16th Regiment.]

Kings District, 17th Regiment.

William Bradford Whiting, Colle
Asa Waterman, Lieutenant Do.
Asa Douglass, } Majors.
Daniel Buck, }
Peter Garnsey, Quarter Master.
Joseph Wood, Adjutant.

1st *Company.*
Asa Douglass, Capt.
Elijah Bostwick, first Lieut.
William Halinbeck, second Do.
Isaac Avaril, Ensign.

2d *Company.*
Aaron Kelley, Capt.
William Warner, Junr 1st Lieut.
Pollicarpus Smith, 2d Do.
Samuel Almstead, Ensign.

3d *Company.*
Philip Frisbie, Capt.
Ebenezer Cady, Junr 1st Lieut.
Josiah Warner, 2d Do.
Ephraim Lord, Ensign.

4th *Company.*
Nehemiah Fitch, Capt.
Samuel Higley, 1st Lieut.
John Smith, 2d Do.
Jonathan Mott, Ensign.

5th *Company.*
Ebenezer Benjamin, Capt.
Jonathan Ford, 1st Lieut.
John Munsy, 2d Do.
Asa Doty, Ensign.

6th *Company.*
Elijah Hudson, Capt.
Jacob Vossburgh, 1st Lieut.
Ezra Allen, 2d Do.
Samuel Bailey, Ensign.

7th *Company.*
Barret Dyer, Capt.
Samuel Wheeler, 1st Lieut.
Daniel Herrick, 2d Do.
Nathan Herrick, Ensign.

8th *Company.*
Elijah Gilbert, Capt.
John Gillet, 1st Lieut.
John Gill, 2d Do.
James Marvin, Ensign.

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MATr VISSCHER, *Clerk.*

[Commissions issued 20 October, 1775.]

Officers of the Ulster County Regiments.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 1, 142, 144, 148, 150.]

Field Officers.

Colo Johannis Hardenbergh,
Lieut. Colo Abraham Hasbrouck,
Major, Johannis Snyder,
Major, Jonathan Elmendorph,
Adjutant, Petrus I. Elmendorph,
Qr Master, Abraham A. Hasbrouck.

Colo Levi Pawling,
Lieut. Colo Jacob Hoornbeek,
Major, Johans Cantine,
Major, Joseph Hasbrouck,
Adjutant, David Bevier,
Qr Master, Jacobus Bruyn, Junr

Colo James Clinton,
Lieut Colo James McClaughry,
Major, Jacob Newkirk,
Major, Moses Phillips,
Adjutant, George Dinneston,
Qr Master, Alexander Trimble.

Colo Jonathan Hasbrouck,
Lieut. Colo Johans Hardenbergh, Junr
Major, Johannis Jansen, Jur
Major, Lewis Dubois,
Adjutant, Abraham Schoonmaker,
Qr Master, Isaac Belknap.

[Commissions Dated 25, Octr 1775.]

Roll of the Officers Elected in the Several Districts or Beats in the Town of Kingston Ulster County agreeable to the resolves of the Provincial Congress (viz):

Beat No. 1.
Evert Bogardus, Capt.
Daniel Graham, 1st Lieut.
Anthony Frere, 2d Do.
Johannis Persin, Ensign.

No. 2.
Moses Contine, Jur Capt.
Philip Swart, 1st Lt.
Abraham G. Vanaken, 2d Do.
Hendricus Tarepenning, Ensign.

No. 3.
Matthew Dedrick, Capt.
Evert Wynkoope, Jur 1st Lt.
Petrus Eygenaer, 2d do.
Hendrick Myer, Ensign.

No. 4.
John L. DeWitt, Capt.
Petrus Oosterhoudt, 1st Lt.
Tobias Myer, 2d Do.
Petrus Brink, Ensign.

No. 5.
Lucas Dewitt, Capt.
Jeremiah Snyder, 1st Lieut.
Petrus Backer, 2d Do.
Petrus West, Ensign.

No. 6.
Hendrick Schoonmaker, Capt.
Edward Schoonmaker, 1st Lt.
Edward Whittaker, 2d Do.
Isaac Burhans, Ensign.

The above is a true Copy of the Returns made to the Committee of Kingston by
[Commissions Issued 25 Oct 1775.] JOSEPH GASHERIE

Return of a Company of Horse in the town of Kingston in Ulster County.

Philip Hooghteeling, Captain.
Sylvester Salisbury, first Lieut.
Petrus Myndertse, Second Do.
Cornelius C. Newkirk, Cornet.
Cornelius J. DuBois, first Quarter Master.
James Roe, second Do.

[Commissions to be issued and dated Oct 25, 1775.]

Roll of the Officers in the Regiment Whereof Levi Pauling is to be Colle

Of the Township of *Marbletown.*
The *first Company.*
Capt. Cornelius E. Wynkoop,
1st Lieut. Charles W. Brodhead,
2d Do. Moses M. Cantine,
Ensign, Jacob Chambers.

Second Company.
Capt. Frederick Schoonmaker, Junr
1st Lieut. Benjamin Louw,
2d Do. Jacobus Rosekraus,
Ensign, John C. De Witt.

Of the Township of *Rochester.*
First Company.
Capt. Petrus Schoonmaker,
1st Lieut. Phillip Hoornbeek,
2d Do. Cornelius Hardenbergh,
Ensign, Dyrck Westbrooke.

Second Company.
Capt. Andries Bevier,
1st Lieut. Richard Brodhead,
2d Do. Reuben De Witt,
Ensign, Johannes A. De Witt.

Third Company.
Capt. Jochem Schoonmaker, Junr
1st Lieut. John Depuy,
2d Do. Cornelius Vanwagenen,
Ensign, Zacharias Rosekraus.

Of the Township of *New Paltz.*
First Company.
Capt. Louis J. Dubois,
1st Lieut. John A. Hardenbergh,
2d Do. Matthew Lafever,
Ensign, Mathusalim Dubois.

Second Company.
Capt. Jacob Hasbrouck, Junr
1st Lieut. Abraham Deyoe, Junr
2d Do. Petrus Hasbrouck,
Ensign, Samuel Bevier.

The *third Company* of the Newpaltz is returned in Congress.

[Commissions Issued 25 Octr 1775.]

List of the names of the Field officers to be commissioned for to have the Command of the first Regiment in Ulster County:

For Colle Abraham Hasbrouck,
Lieut. Do. Johannes Snyder,
Majors { Jonathan Elmendorph,
Adrian Wynkoop.

Staf officers: Adjutant, Abraham A. Hasbrouck; Quarter Master, John Van Deursen.

Philipsburgh Companies.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 140.]

Sir, we send you a list of the officers chosen on the manor of Philipsburgh in the County of West Chester, in the Room of those who do decline:

For Terry Town Company.	*East Company.*
Gload Requa, Capt.	Benjamin Vermilya, Capt.
Cornelius Vantassel, Second Lieut.	Gilbart Dean, First Lieut.
Sibourt Acker, Ensign.	William Fushie, Second Do.

Upper Company.

Jonas Arsor, Second Lieut.

We have likewise returned you the Commissions of those who do decline.

GEORGE COMB,
JOSEPH YOUNG,
JAMES HAMMOND.

PHILIPSBURGH, Oct 23, 1775.

Petition of Alexander White, Sheriff of Tryon County.

[Petitions, 31: 42.]

ALBANY GOAL, Oct^{r} 26th 1775.

SIR: I had the pleasure to receive an order by M^{rs} White from the Provincial Congress of New York; signed by you, wherein it is Resolved I am to be tryed by the General Committee of the County of Albany; which Committee M^{rs} White apply'd to, they will do nothing in it; until you send the Papers Concerning me; if you have any, I shall take it as a particular favour if you dispatch them here as soon as Possiable; as it is disagreeable for me to be here; in so doing you'l much oblige Your Very Humble Serv^{t} ALEXANDER WHITE.

MR. ROBERT BENSON.

Petition of Officers of the Poughkeepsie Independent Company.

[Petitions, 31: 56.]

To the Honorable the Congress in and for the Colony of New York.

The Officers of the Independent Company at Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County beg to remonstrate to the Congress for that,

First. It will appear (as well) by the inclosed Copy of the Articles of Association of said Company as from the knowledge of some of the members in Congress for Dutchess County That this Company was established agreable to their articles on the first day of August last as an Independent Company and that we never solicited Commissions on any other establishment.

Second. That by the rules and orders &^{c} published by the Congress on the twenty second of same month in the first Resolve contained in said orders it appears that all Independent Companies established in this Colony prior to that date were excepted out of said Rules and orders And to abide the association by them entered into.

Third. That the Commissions sent by the Congress Embodies us as a Company of Minute men in Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's Regiment—Contrary to the Intent and meaning of our association which is what our men wish to abide.

Fourth. That we conceive the article Subscribed by us and the soldiers of our Company bind us and them as firmly To defend the Glorious Cause of American Liberty as the Rules and orders &^{c} published by the Congress possibly can do.

These matters we request the Congress would take into consideration and favour us with their answer; if the association on which our Company is founded is permitted to stand good we presume it will give great satisfaction to the Company—if not we shall endeavour most concientiously to do our duty but doubt much whether we shall keep or be able to Inlist in this precinct a sufficient number of men. Should the Congress determine in favour of Our Association Commissions sent us for that purpose will be thankfully received and we trust duly executed.

We are Gentlemen your most obedient and very humble servants

JOHN SCHENK J^{r}
PETER TAPPEN,
JOHN CHILD.

POUGHKEEPSIE, 26th Oct^{r} 1775.

Petition of Abraham H. Van Vleek.

[Petitions 31: 54.]

To the Honorable, The Provincial Congress.

The Petition of Abraham H. Van Vleek, Most Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner having inadvertently Infringed one of the Resolutions of the Honorable, The Continental Congress, & for so doing, have made every kind of Concession, & satisfaction in my power, declaring at same time to Act in every respect agreeable to the salutary Resolves of the Congress; your Petitioner therefore most humbly intreats your Honorable Board to Exonerate him; that he may make his Peace with his Countrymen, & have an opportunity of proving himself a friend to his Country.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound will ever pray, being with the most profound Respect your most oblig[d] hum. Serv[t]

November 3, 1775. ABR[M] H. VAN VLECK.

Election of Deputies to the Provincial Congress from New York.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 81.]

N. York, Nov. 7, 1775.

Pursuant to an order of the General Committee we the subscribers superintended the Poll taken this day at the City Hall, for the Election of Deputies to represent this city and county in the ensuing provincial congress, and do hereby certify that the following twenty-one Gentlemen were chosen by a Great majority, viz.:

Peter V. B. Livingston,	James Beekman,	John Ray,
Cornelius Clopper,	Benj[n] Kissam,	Theod[s] Van Wyck,
Alex[r] McDugal,	John M. Scott,	Anthony Rutgers,
Joseph Hallet,	John Van Cortlandt,	John Imlay,
Tho[s] Smith,	Jacobus Van Zant,	Gabriel W. Ludlow,
Abraham Brashier,	John Morton,	Benj[n] Helme,
Isaac Rosevelt,	Isaac Sears,	Comfort Sands.

And we do further certify that the Electors at the same time, did constitute any seven of the fore mentioned Persons to be a Quorum.

JN[O] IMLAY,
ROB[T] RAY,
ED[D] BANCKER,
DAN[L] PHENIX,
JOHN BROOM.

At a meeting of the general commitee of the city and county of New York on Friday evening Nov. 10, 1775. Present, John Broom Esq[r] Chairman (P. T.) and 35 members.

The Sub-committee appointed to superintend the Election for Deputies to represent the city and county of New York in Provintial Congress for the Colony of New York, delivered in their Report, which being read, was unanimously approved of.

Ordered, that the Chairman of this Committee deliver a certified copy of the foregoing Report to one of the Deputies chosen to represent this city and county in the ensuing Provincial Congress.

JN[O] BROOM,
Chairman Pro tempore.

Poll List at the Jamaica Election.

[Military Committee, 25: 107.]

A List of voters for and against Deputies to represent in Provincial Congress, taken at Jamaica in and for Queens County on Tuesday Nov[r] 7[th] 1775, and continued to Saturday following 5 o'clock afternoon.

The following persons were nominated as Deputies, viz: Colonel *Jacob Blackwell*, *Samuel Townsend* and *William Townsend* Esq[rs]. *Waters Smith*, *Benjamin Sands*, *Jeromus Remsen*, Jun[r] and *Stephen Van Wyck*.

For Deputys.

Micajah Townsend,
Ephraim Bayles*,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Cornish,
Stephen Field,
Morris Hazard,
Lambert Woodard,
Fordham Burtis,
Albert Hegeman, Jun^{r}
John J. Skidmore,
Alex^{r} Wheyley,
Philip Woodard,
Robert Field,
Simon Sands,
Daniel Lawrence,
John Rogers,
Albert Hegeman, Sen^{r} & J^{r}
Hendrick Hendrickson J^{r}
Henry Stocker,
Jonathan Coe,
Wait Smith,
Samuel Waldron,
John Burtis,
Nicholas Everit,
Whitehead Skidmore,
Thomas Burroughs,
Martin Schenck,
Othneil Smith,
William Ludlam Jun^{r}
Robert Mitchel,
Daniel Hitchcock,
Richard Roades,
Adrian Onderdonck,
Ephraim Marston,
Noah Smith Sen^{r}
Benjamin Everit,
Benjamin Field Jun^{r}
W^{m} Ludlam Sen^{r}
W^{m} Howard,
Thomas Lawrence,
Elias Bayles,
Benjamin Cae,
Abraham Keteltas,
Daniel Bayles,
Simon Horton,
William Furman,
Dan^{l} Ludlam,
Richard Berrien,
John Pettitt,
Samuel Burr,
Gab^{l} Furman,
Nehemiah Everit,
Nicholas Smith,
John Roades,
Nathaniel Smith,

Amos Denton,
Noah Smith Jun^{r}
Walter Smith,
John Burroughs,
Aaron Hendrickson,
Dan^{l} W. Kissam,
Nicholas Smith Jun^{r}
Nathaniel Tom,
Daniel Everit,
John Thurston,
Augustin Betts,
Jonathan Roberts,
Sam^{l} Higley Jun^{r}
Uriah Rider,
Sam^{l} Morrell,
Cap^{t} Sam^{l} Moore,
John Riker,
John Cockle,
Rem Remsen, N. J.
Benjamin Field,
Andries Hegeman Jun^{r}
John Waters,
Mathias Van Dyck,
Uriah Mitchell,
John Parker,
Thomas Thorne,
Cornelius Van Wyck,
Tho^{s} Mitchell,
James Doughty,
James Burling,
Gilliam Cornell,
Rob^{t} Hinchman,
Hope Roads Jun^{r}
James Hinchman,
Robert Denton,
Jacob Wright,
Nath^{l} Box,
Jonathan Lawrence,
Joseph Robinson,
Sam^{l} Smith,
Sam^{l} Higley Sen^{r}
John Burtis,
Platt Smith,
Obadiah Damilt,
Robert Morrell,
Andries Hegeman Sen^{r}
Tho^{s} Rodman,
John Thorne, II.
John Thorne, F.
William Thorne,
John Montaine,
Jn^{o} Yates,
Rich^{d} Rapalje,
Increase Carpenter Jun^{r}
Jacob Carpenter,

Rem Hegeman,
Samson Crooker,
Jn^{o} Brimer,
Joseph Bazly,
Jonathan Townsend,
Isaac Bayles,
Zeb. Seaman, Jun^{r} O.
Jn^{o} William Seaman, O.
Jno. Schenck,
Dan^{l} Searing,
Jacob Searing,
Pepperel Bloodgood,
Nicholas Van Dyck,
Benjamin Birdsall,
Jacob Johnson,
Robert Coe,
Howard Furman,
Jonathan Wright,
Moses Higley,
Jn^{o} Skidmore, Sen^{r}
Jn^{o} Coe,
Charles Boerum,
Jno. Luyster,
Jacob Luyster,
Cha^{s} Hicks, Lieut.
Thomas Woodard,
David Laton,
Dan^{l} Burr,
James Townsend, O.
George Townsend,
Gilbert Searing,
Jo^{s} Coles,
Jno. Searing,
John Sands,
Walter Dalton,
Peter Smith,
Joseph Bawne,
Andrew Oakley,
Abr^{m} Brinkerhoff,
Jonathan Thurston,
W^{m} Glean,
Jn^{o} Skidmore,
Jonah Roades,
Philip Edsall,
Stephen Pettitt,
Benjamin Farmington,
Jno. Brush,
Jn^{o} Way,
Hendrick Hendrickson,
Thomas Denton,
Wm. Creed, Sen^{r}
Christopher Rider,
Garr^{t} Murphy,
Jn^{o} Vanleaw, J.
Sam^{l} Seaman,

* Bayley, in another List.

Wm. Forbus,
Christopher Robert,
Cornelius Losse,
Thomas Wiggins,
Thoˢ Dodge,
Albert Nostrand,
Benjamin Hinchman,
Benjamin Akerly,
Benjamin North,
Gabˡ Smith,
Jno. Fish,
Benjamin Moore,
Doctʳ Latham,
Philip Edsall, Junʳ
Wm. Betts,
Jnº Hendrickson,
Jonah Hallett,
Jnº Smith,
Stephen Rider,

Isaac Hendrickson,
Samˡ Messenger,
Wm. Creed, Junʳ
Isaac Hendrickson,
William Seaman,
Jonas Fredericks,
Joseph Higby,
Peter Onderdonck,
George Bennitt,
Jnº Mills,
Wm. Willis,
Philip Valentine,
Benjamin Sands,
Richard Valentine,
George Brinkerhoff,
Zebulun Williams,
Doctʳ Townsend,
Richard Lawrence,
Wᵐ Sackett,

Samˡ Denton,
Samlˡ Lawrence,
Gilbert Hicks,
John Eagles,
Jˢ Hicks,
Adam Mott, Conn.
Luke Remson,
Isaac Rodes,
Richard Betts, N. J.,
Edmond Pinfold,
Hope Roades,
William Pinfold,
Jacob Mott,
Stephen Cornell,
David Lamberson,
Jno. Burtis,
Samˡ Edsall,
Jacob Valentine.

No Deputys.

John Willett,
Nathˡ Mills,
Nichˡ Vanarsdalien,
Rem Remson, Senʳ Jam.,
Jacᵇ Goulder,
Johanˢ Williamson,
Samˡ Moore, 3ᵈ
John Doty,
Johˢ Snedeker,
Arree Boorum,
Dow Ditmars,
Benjamin Haviland,
John Palhemus,
Nichˢ Lambertson,
Joseph Dunbar,
Jno. Smith, Sp.
Ob. Hinchman,
Wᵐ Pettitt,
Powell Amberman,
Josh. Mills,
Danˡ Remson,
Hendrick Emmans,
Luke Eldert,
Danˡ Whitehead,
James Dunbarr, Junʳ
Matthias Lambertson,
James Field,
Benjamin Whitehead,
Jaˢ Ludlam,
Cornelius Hogland,
Daniel Allen,
Samuel Smith, Rock.
Theodorus Van wyck,
Tunis Van Cott,
Amos Roades,
Nanns Smith, R.,
Silas Hicks,

Jno. Elsworth,
Thoˢ Balden,
Joseph Rainer,
John Duryee,
Nathˡ Coomes,
Henry Shaw,
Jacob Peterson,
House Covert,
Wᵐ Galden,
Wᵐ Featherby,
Jnº Lambertson,
Simon Lambertson,
Luke Nastrandt,
Jnº Williamson,
Jno. Hewlett, Capt.
Jno. Howlet, Junʳ
Wᵐ Spragg,
Ezekˡ Matthews,
Jacob Van Nostrant,
Jacob Hicks, Junʳ
Jonathan Smith, R.
Robert Allen,
Elijah Rainer,
Benjⁿ Downen,
Aaron Burtis,
Thoˢ Hutchens,
Stephen Hendrickson,
Jno. Weekes,
Annanias Southard,
Jno. Fetherby,
Jno. Rainer,
Peter Titus, Junʳ
Henry Rainer,
Simmons Verity,
Daniel Hewlett,
Jos. Dodge,
Jnº Townsend,

Benjamin Pettitt,
Isaac Denton,
Daniel Thurston,
Samuel Landgdon,
Michael Butler,
Jno. Dermott,
Jno. Vitita,
James Langdon,
Thomas Hicks,
Peter Velser,
Salomon Seaman,
Jnº Hulse,
Stephen Powell,
Jno. Townsend, H.
Zebulum Seaman, Jerusalem,
Jacob Bedel,
Wᵐ Smith, R.
Jost Smith, R. Junʳ
Edward Cornell,
Robert Sutton,
Daniel Murray,
Thoˢ Seaman,
Edward Spragg,
John Pettitt,
Barnt Snedeker,
Richᵈ Smith,
Thosˢ Durlin,
Chaˢ Hewlett,
Jno. Hewlett, Esq.
James Weeks, O.
Andrew Allen,
David Cassibome,
Hezekiah Pearsall,
Samuel Pettitt,
Townsend Hewlett,
James Bezly,

Richard Townsend,
Wᵐ Velser,
Thoˢ Tredwell,
Jos. Smith, R.
Jos. Smith, R.
Tuns Covert,
Elias Allen, O.
Danˡ Kissam,
Elijah Smith,
Peter Jones,
James Langdon,
Benjⁿ Carman,
Thoˢ Williams, Senʳ
Samˡ Carman, Capt.
Thomas Fetherley,
William Verity,
James Birdsall,
Henry Ludlam,
David Peterson,
Flower Hulse,
Harvy Calwell,
William Gritman,
Tim Titus,
Tice Lane,
Daniel Nostrant,
James Pettitt,
Jnº Morfort,
Thoˢ Halled,
Abᵐ Furman,
Tunis Covert, Junʳ
Ab. Townsend,
Elijah Barton,
Gabˡ G. Ludlow,
Jacob Velser,
Michael Rogers,
Johanˢ Scott,
Johanˢ Cushow,
Daniel Pine,
Levi Cock,
Wᵐ Stitts,
Daniel Hall,
James Abrams,
Elijah Spragg,
Samˡ Fosdick,
Edmond Titus,
Henry Waters,
Solomon Powell,
Albert Van Nostrant,
Barnt Vanwick,
Harman Hendrickson,
Michael Golder,
Michˡ Flower,
James Smith,
Daniel Smith,
Abᵐ Furman, Junʳ
Robᵗ Jackson,
Joel Rainer,
Benjⁿ Bedel,

Jno. Hughs,
David Jackson,
George Wats,
Thoˢ Birdsall,
Benjⁿ Waters,
Jno. Jackson, Junʳ
Zeb. Smith, R.
Jamˢ Place,
Pearson Langdon,
Peter Scott,
Thoˢ Smith, Junʳ O.
Jnº Allen,
Samˡ Carman, Junʳ
Wᵐ Johnson,
Harman Flower,
Jno. Carman,
Silvanus Southard,
Henry Jackson,
Benjⁿ Cornell,
Jaˢ Rainer,
John Cornell,
Garrᵗ Golder,
Stephen Carman,
Amos Smith,
Jamˢ Smith,
Cornelius Van Nostrant,
Josh. Smith, R.
Henry Miller,
Pearse Pool,
Benjah Bedel,
George Ralpalje,
William Langdon,
Jno. Homes,
Samˡ Titus,
Baruck Allen,
Henry Ludlam, Junʳ
Nathan Skidmore,
Jno. Flower,
Wᵐ Ludlam,
Luke Cummins,
Benjamin Burtis,
John Hegeman,
Samuel Johnson,
James Wood,
Jaˢ Pettit, Junʳ
Jaˢ Pine,
Adam Mott,
Whitehead Field,
Obadʰ Smith,
Jacob Lamberson,
Thoˢ Wiggins,
Richard Gildersleve,
Thoˢ Hendrickson, Junʳ
Nathˡ Smith,
Thoˢ Coomes,
Jacob Rainer,
Gabˡ Doxe,
Peter Lossee,

Jnº Seaman,
Gilbert Mᶜ Cann,
Thoˢ Fleet,
Chaˢ Smalling,
Cornelius Hart,
Wᵐ Burtis,
John Titus,
Amos Shaw,
Jno. Livingston,
David Demott,
John Van Nostrant,
Henry Abrams,
George Riarson,
Danˡ Brinkerhoff,
Amos Powell,
Jonathan Pratt,
Benjⁿ Wiggins,
Solomon Powell,
Stephen Baldin,
Benjⁿ Rainer,
Ezekiel Rainer,
Abrᵐ Manneree,
Thoˢ Youngs,
Daniel Youngs,
Peter Underhill,
Danˡ Youngs, Junʳ
Benjⁿ Smith, R.
Cornelius Jackson,
David Sammons,
Richᵈ Wiggins,
Richᵈ Pine,
Benjⁿ Hewlet,
Wm. Cornell,
Isaac Weeks,
Jos. Smith, Junʳ R.
Richᵈ Titus,
Wm. Pearson,
Jnº Abrams,
Wm. Hewlett,
Adam Pettitt,
Elijah Cornell,
Jnº Mott,
Peter Thomas,
Aaron Van Nostrant *als.*
Drawman,
Wm. Valentine,
Danˡ Smith,
Samˡ Birdsall,
Isaac Smith, Junʳ
Joseph Bedell, 3ᵈ
Aaron Van Nostrand, H.
Israel Eldert,
Jonathan Gildersleve,
Richᵈ Townsend, Junʳ
Samˡ Jackson,
Wm. Langdon,
Jamˢ Pine,
Cornell Smith, R.

David Battine,
Jam^{s} Cornell,
Jno. Legross,
Rich^{d} Southard,
Sam^{l} Foster,
Wm. Pettitt,
Michael Demott,
Arch^{l} Langdon,
Tho^{s} Southard,
Ab^{m} Drawash, (?)
Simon Losee,
Jam^{s} Birdsall,
Oliver Birdsall,
Joseph Pearsall,
Joseph Bedell, Sen^{r}
Ab^{m} Nostrant,
Solomon Doxe,
Sam^{l} Wood,
Pelham Sands,
Jn^{o} Fleet,
Caleb Underhill,
Jam^{s} Smith, Rock.
Charles Cornell,
Philip Parmer,
Jn^{o} Smith,
Sam^{l} Abrams,
Benj^{n} Hegeman,
Jas. Thorne,
Benejah Wiggins,
Townsend Weeks,
Henry Pearson,
Wm. Jillett,
Obadiah Valentine,
Israel Seaman,
Jam^{s} Verity,
Silvanus Bedel, Esq.
Jn^{o} Rushmore,
Jacamiah Hutchens,
Ambrose Seaman,
Cornelius Miller,
Wm. Cock,
Anthony Demott,
Rob^{t} Valentine,
Rich^{d} Smith,
Peter Bond,
Sam^{l} Carman, 3^{d}
Jn^{o} Waters,
Sam^{l} Vanwick,
Garrit Nostrant, O.
Jos. Haviland,
Israel Rodgers,
Sam^{l} Denton,
Philip Thorne,
Jn^{o} Watts,
Isaac Smith, Esq^{r}
Harman Shaw,
Townsend Jackson,
George Hewlett, Sen^{r} N. Side,
Jas. Langdon, hatter,
Rubin Hall,
Jam^{s} Southard,
Wm. Van Nostrant,
Wm. Pigeon,
Jno. Remson,
Carman Rushmore,
Benj^{n} Lester,
Jn^{o} Martin,
Philip Woolly,
Benj^{n} Smith,
Israel Smith, Rock.
Increase Pettitt,
Simeon Hauxhurst,
Jn^{o} Peters,
W^{m} Rushmore,
Sam^{l} Smith,
Henry Balden,
Tho^{s} Cornell,
George Weekes,
Cornelius Bogert,
Elias Smith,
Benj^{n} Stivers,
Wat Covert,
Michael Demott,
Rem. Remson, II.
Elijah Wood,
Benj^{n} Tredwell, Jun^{r}
Tho^{s} Cock,
Sam^{l} Seaman, taylor
W^{m} Cornell, 3^{d}
Jos. Hewlett,
Lawrence Hewlett,
David Ludlam,
Garrit Nostrant,
James Eldert,
Jn^{o} Sands, Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} McIntosh,
Sam^{l} Stringham,
W^{m} Smith,
Dan^{l} Underhill,
Rich^{d} Matthews,
Rob^{t} Coles,
Jn^{o} Fowler,
W^{m} Covert,
Gabriel Cott,
Christian Snedeker,
Parmenus Jackson,
Mich^{l} Pettitt,
John Underhill,
Adrian Schenck,
Anthony Roades,
Jacobus Demott,
Pen Weekes,
Martin Van Nostrant,
Hendrick Henrickson,
Dan^{l} Cock,
George Weekes, O.
Sam^{l} Langdon,
Amos Rainer,
Tunis Covert, 3^{d}
Jn^{o} Platt,
Gilb^{t} Van Wick,
Nicholas Cott, Jun^{r}
Sam^{l} Green,
Sam^{l} Doty,
Martin Rierson,
Isaac Rainer,
Charles Doughty,
Fredrick Nostrant, Jun^{r}
Tho^{s} Durlin,
Abr^{m} Demott,
Henry Abrams,
Stephen Hewlett,
Richard Brewer,
James Hicks,
Elijah Smith,
John Van Cott,
Benj^{n} Fish,
Rich^{d} Langdon,
Sam^{l} Pettitt,
Luke Haviland,
Philip Platt,
Rich^{d} Place,
Benj^{n} Durlin,
Stephen Robbins,
Jas^{s} Durlin,
Jonathan Balden,
Mauris Simonson, Jun^{r}
Charles Simonson,
Charles Abrams,
Jn^{o} Nostrant,
Isaac Denton,
Peter Riarson,
Austin Hicks,
Jn^{o} Hegeman,
Tunis Bergen,
Benj^{n} Hewlett Jun^{r}
Nath^{l} Higby,
Auris Remsen,
Jacob Rinehart,
Nicholas Ludlam,
W^{m} Thatford,
Dan^{l} Hendrickson,
Jn^{o} Pearson,
Rich^{d} Green
Tho^{s} Clowes,
Stephen Hicks,
Cornelius Suydam,
Rich^{d} Hewlet Esq.,
W^{m} Abrams,
Dan^{l} Abrams,
Jam^{s} Waters,
Jn^{o} Vanleaw, Fl.
Adam Seabury,
Tho^{s} Jackson,

Benj^{n} Durlin Jun^{r}
Henry Wanser,
James Man,
Jn^{o} Amberman,
Isaac Denton Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} Townsend Esq.,
Isaiah Doughty,
Stephen Willis,
Joseph Bedel,
Joseph Oldfield,
Jeremiah Bedel
Henry Suydam,
Jn^{o} Durlin,
Sam^{l} Durlin,
Nich^{s} Schenck,
Joseph Kissam,
Timothy Roades,
Benj^{n} Treadwell,
Isaac Amberman Sen^{r}
Samuel Mott,
Garrit Nostrant,
Jacob Jackson,
Eldert Van Wick,
John Taffy,
Lewis Devanport,
Tho^{s} Van Wick,
Tho^{s} Stockford,
Tho^{s} Ludlam,
Charles Hicks, Cap^{t}
Jn^{o} Stevens,
Nathaniel Frost,
Tho^{s} Woolly,
Daniel Nostrant,
Joseph Totten,
W^{m} Golder,
Tho^{s} Smith Esq., O.
Tho^{s} Hendrickson,
Carper Springsteen,
Epenetus Platt,
Joseph Townsend,
Ludlam Smith,
Jonathan Gorum,
John Hawxhurst,
George Duryee,
David Bedel,
Whitehead Cornell,
Elias Durlin 3^{d}
Francis Devanport,
Nehemiah Sammons,
Jn^{o} Remson, J.
Michael Weekes,
Sam^{l} Smith, taylor,
Tho^{s} Frost,
Peter Bond,
Sam^{l} Tredwell,
Rich^{d} Hewlett,
Jn^{o} Higby,
Isaac Amberman,

David Colden Esq.,
Jn^{o} Talman,
Israel Sealy,
Joseph Smith,
Dan^{l} Hewlett Jun^{r}
Abr^{m} Wanser,
Tho^{s} Jackson,
John Coomes,
Tho^{s} Place,
Jacobus Laurence,
Timothy Clowes,
Jn^{o} Schenck,
Timothy Cornel,
Jn^{o} Kissam,
Joshua Birdsall,
Tunis Covert, Jun^{r} J.
Obadiah Mills,
W^{m} Hewlett,
Felix Fowler,
Pen Cock,
Cornelius Bennit,
Peter Nostrant,
Jacob Hicks,
Jn^{o} Cock,
Hendrick Hagner,
Rich^{d} Mott,
Jabez Woodruff,
Sam^{l} Clowes, Esq.
Jacob Williams,
Stephen Rapalje,
Cornelius Rapalje,
Tho^{s} Hewlett,
W^{m} Thurston,
James Lewis,
John Marvin,
Jonathan Smith,
Joseph Cadel,
Daniel Durlin,
Jas. Robbins,
Jacob Stringham,
Abr^{m} Lawrence,
Jn^{o} Bennit,
Albert Hogland,
Stephen Higby,
Rob^{t} Doughty,
Sam^{l} Carman, O.
Jacob Dean,
Rich^{d} Robbins,
George Doughty,
Jn^{o} Troup,
Jacob Mott,
Stephen Cock,
Jacobus Riker,
Rulef Duryee,
Jn^{o} Golden,
Silvanus Bedel, Esq.
Ab^{m} Vanwick,
Jacob Nastrant,

W^{m} Welling,
Jn^{o} Foster,
Ab^{m} Remson,
Nath^{l} Townsend,
Tho^{s} Cornell,
Tho^{s} Willett,
Elias Burtis,
George Rapalje,
Sam^{l} Moore,
Barnardus Bloom,
Tunis Brinkerhoff,
Aaron Van Nastrant,
Peter Burgaw,
Christopher Remson,
Nath^{l} Moore,
John Mitchell,
David Brooks, Doct^{r}
Jn^{o} Weekes,
Obadiah Lawrence,
Derrick Bergen,
Dan^{l} Kerby,
Jn^{o} Snedeker, Jun^{r}
Daniel Albertson,
Thomas Thorne,
George Brinkerhoff,
Valentine H. Peters, Esq.
Jn^{o} Moore, Sen^{r}
Jn^{o} Moore, Jun^{r}
Uriah Platt,
Jacob Bond,
Tho^{s} Morrall,
Rich^{d} Burgaw,
Benj. Kissam,
Jn^{o} Brewer,
Jeromus Rapalje,
Nich^{s} Van Cott,
Garrit Dorland,
Garrit Latting,
Gerardus Clowes,
Thom^{s} Kip,
James Carpenter,
Rich^{d} McCoun,
Hugh Hoomes,
W^{m} Frost,
Christopher Remson,
Timothy Bedell,
Jn^{o} Shoals,
Adam Lawrence,
Richard Hallett,
James Hallett,
Elbert Brinkerhoff,
Jackson Mott,
James Turner,
Charles Willett,
Johannis Eldert, Capt.
Richard Tattersall,
Will^{m} Cornell, } sons of Jo^{s}
Sam^{l} Cornell, }

Jacamiah Valentine,
Jam^{s} Burtis, Jun^{r}
Charles Arding, Doct^{r}
Timothy Townsend,
Henry Woolly,
W^{m} Buns,
Rich^{d} Roades,
Luke Bergen,
Benj^{a} Durlin,
Hope Mills,
George Hewlett,
James Verity, Jun^{r}
Jn^{o} Oakley,
George Roades,
Jn^{o} Tredwell,
Jn^{o} Vorhies,
Jonathon Searing,
Rich^{d} Betts, Capt.
Jonas Valentine,
Sam^{l} Devanport,
Fredrick Nostrant,
Caleb Morel,
Jn^{o} Mott,
Adam Carman,
Stephen Callas,
Joseph Abrams,
Sam^{l} Carman, 3^{d}
Stephen Clement,
W^{m} Hall,
Joseph Hall,
Abr^{m} Brinkerhoff, Jun^{r}
Isaac Pettitt,
After Burtis,
John Hall,
Jn^{o} Thurston,
Jn^{o} Simonson,
Tho^{s} Seaman,
Elias Durlin,
Simeon Watts,
Stephen Smith,
Jn^{o} Morrel,
Will^{m} Miller,
W^{m} Weyman,
Jacob Bedel,
Abijah Bedel,
W^{m} Coomes,
Jn^{o} Smith, R.
Archel^{s} Doxe,
James Burtis,
Jn^{o} Burtis, miller,
Dow Van Dyne, Cap^{t}
Hewlett Townsend,
Hendrick Munsee,
John Southard,
John Suydam,
Jn^{o} Smith R. son of Sam.
Rich^{d} Mason,
Jn^{o} Spragg,
James Balden,
George Balden,
Sias Latten,
Sam^{l} Mott Cornell,
Jonathan Cornelius,
Abr^{m} Balden,
James Whaley,
Jn^{o} Nostrant,
Joseph Hall,
Moses Cornelius,
Jn^{o} Amberman,
Tho^{s} Townsend,
Lawrence Fish,
Jn^{o} Haviland,
Nichs^{s} Townsend,
Abr^{m} Rapalje,
Martin Rapalje,
Doctor Dan^{l} Lawrence,
James Denton,
Leffert Lefferts,
Michael Burns,
George Weekes,
W^{m} Hogland,
Jeromus Luyster,
Dan^{l} Velser,
John Rainer,
Timothy Flower,
Jonathan Fish,
Capt^{n} J^{no} Woolly,
Isaac Seaman,
Isaac Rapalje,
Cornelius Rapalje,
Jn^{o} Wiggins,
Peter Nostrant,
Jacob Adriance,
Archibal Hammilton,
Sam^{l} Hallett, Cap^{t}
Jn^{o} Stoeker,
Joseph Willis,
Dan^{l} Rapalje,
Edmund Weekes,
Will^{m} Velser,
Isaac Lattin,
Elbert Adriance,
Cornelius Monfort,
Cornelius Riarson,
W^{m} Monfort,
Jeremiah Robbins,
Isaac Ditmars,
W^{m} Williams,
Jonathan Rawlin,
Isaac Remson,
Maurice Lott,
Jn^{o} Doughty,
Jn^{o} Greatoak,
Seaman Weekes,
Joost Van Brunt,
Nath^{l} Woodruff.

This is to certify that the Foregoing is a copy of the Poll list of the Election held at Jamaica, for Deputies, taken from the Original by me,

JOSEPH ROBINSON,
Inspector of the Poll.

Election of Officers of Minute Men, Jamaica, L. I.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 125.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York:

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, Inhabitants of the Township of Jamaica do hereby declare that we have associated ourselves as a company of Minute Men for the Defence of American Liberty and do hereby promise and Engage to be obedient to our officers, and subject to the Resolutions & directions of the Honorable the Continental Congress and of the provincial Congress of this Colony and we the non Commissioned Officers and privates of the said company have elected the following Gentlemen for our Commissioned Officers to wit. John Skidmore Esquire for *Captain;* Jacob Wright Gentleman, *first Lieutenant;* Nicholas Everit Gent. *second Lieutenant* and Ephraim Marston Gent *Ensign.* In witness whereof

we have hereunto subscribed our names in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

Samuel Higbee,
Isaac Bayles,
Richard Smith,
Urias Rider,
Walter Smith,
Hope Rhoades,
John Bremner,
William Ludlum,
Nehemiah C. Baylis,
Thomas Wiggins,
Richard Rhoades,
Joseph Higbe,
James Hinchman,
Nathaniel Smith,
William Thurston,
Daniel Bayles,
Cornelius Amerman,
Andrew Mills,
(Indorsed) 1775.

John Bayles,
Derick Amerman,
Hend[r] Hend[r]son,
Joseph Robinson, *volunteer.*
William Cebra,
John Smith,
Benjamin Evrit,
Benjamin Thurston,
Obadiah Smith,
Nehemiah Ludlam,
Nathaniel Ludlam,
Samuel Higbie,
Nehemiah Everitt,
Daniel Higbe,
Simeon Smith,
Stephen Ryder,
Richard Betts,
Aaron Hendrieson,

Nathaniel Rhoades,
Daniel Skitmore,
Silvester Smith,
Andrew Oakly,
David Lambertson,
Abraham Hendrickson,
Thomas Higby,
Nicholas Smith,
Benj. Smith,
John Stin,
John Innes,
Jesse Wilson,
Garrett MePhey,
Peter Canile,
William Stin,
Wartos Lambertson,
Robert Betts.

Election of Deputies from Suffolk County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 65.]

At a meeting of the Freeholders of Suffolk county in the colony of New York, held at the county Hall on the seventh day of November 1775, duly warned for the purpose of electing deputies to represent this county in Provincial Congress until the second Tuesday in May next.

Voted unanimously that *John Sloss Hubbard*, *Thomas Tredwell*, *Selah Strong*, *Nathaniel Woodhull*, *Ezra L. Hommedieu*, *David Gilston*, *Thomas Wickham* and *Daniel Brown*, Esqrs, be the deputies to represent this county at the ensuing provincial Congress to meet at New York the fourteenth day of this instant, and that any three of them be a quorum, and empowered to give the vote of this county in the said Congress.

By order of the County Committee.

WILLIAM SMITH, Chairman.

Officers of Orange Township.

[Military Returns, 26: 252.]

November the 17[th] 1775.

The committee of Oringe township have met with all speed a Cording to Recommendation of Congress to a Point field offiscors and give Notis to the Committe of haverstraw to meet us and they Did Deny meetting of this committee altho we met in thire Precent at the house of John Van Dolsa Jun[r]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

Gentlemen. We have thought Proper to a Point our own offiseors for this precint as the committee of haverstraw will not meet, therefore we hope you will Grant them thaire Commistiones as the Place is in Desturbence and this is the only way we know to settle it.

I am Gentlemen your humble sarvent, By order of the committee,

JAMES KANT, Chair Man.

At a general Trayning of the Precent of Oringe we have Chosen Field offiseors and others a Cording to Recommendations of Congress.

Abraham Lent, *Col.*
Johannes David Blauvelt, *Lieut. Col.*
Johannees Jo[s] Blauvelt, *Major.*
Jacobus De Clarck, *Adjitent.*
Isaac Perry, *Quarter Master.*

1[st] Company.
Johannes Jacobis Blauvelt, Capt.
James Lent, 1[st] Lieut.
James Smith, 2[d] Do.
Hendrick Vandelinder Ver Brick, insine.

2[d] Do
Isaac Smith, Capt.
Johannes Isaac Blauvelt, 1[st] Lieut.
William Van Sickles, 2[d] Do.
Lambert Smith, insine. .

3 Do.
Johannes Bell, Capt.
John Fitcher, 1[st] Lieut.
William Graham, 2[d] Do.
Dannial Van der dunck, insine.

[Commissions Issued Dec. 22, 1775.]

Election of Deputies from Westchester County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 67.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

We the Committee for the County of Westchester do humbly certify that at the Election of delegates to represent the said County in the Next Provincial Congress to be held at New York the 14[th] instant, which was this day held at the Court House of the said County, Colonel *Lewis Graham*, *Stephen Ward*, Esq., Col. *Joseph Drake*, *Robert Graham*, Esq., *John Thomas*, Jun[r] Esq., Mr. *William Pawling*, Major *Ebenezer Lockwood*, Col. *Pierre Van Cortlandt*, and Col. *Gilbert Drake*, were duly elected agreeable to the resolves of the Provincial Congress, to represent this county until the Second Tuesday of May next, and that it was voted by the people that any three of the said Deputies shall act for this county. Dated the 7[th] day of November 1775.

By order of the Committee,
GILBERT H. DRAKE, *Chairman.*

A true copy from the minutes taken by
Micah Townsend, *Clerk of Committee.*

List of Westchester County Tories.

[Miscell. Paper 34: 193.]

Col[o] Phillips,
Joseph Harris,
James Harris,
Major Brown's two sons Isaac and Josiah that lives at home.
Lyon Miller,
Bartholomew Hains,
M[r] Duncan and Brown at Marronack.
Capt. Joshua Purdy,
Jeremiah Travess,
Soloman Fowler,
Joshua Purdy,
Elijah Purdy,
Gilbert Horton,
Edmond Ward,
Caleb Morgain,
James Hortan, Esq.,
William Barker, Esq.,
Person Seabury,
Godfrey Haynes, added on Saturday evening.
Jeremiah Travess, Jun[r]
Jonathan Pardie, White Plains.
Sam[l] Merrit, Manor of Cortlandt.
Mr. Peter Hatfield,
Isaac Hatfield,
Edward Palmer
Nath Whitney, Esq.
Pater Drake,
Peter Corney,
Joshua Carne.

Election of Deputies from Ulster County.

[Cred. of Del., 24: 71.]

At a meeting of the Committee for the County of Ulster on Tuesday the 7th of Novr 1775, at the house of Mr Roelef Eltinge in the New paltz, the following persons appeared:

For *Kingston.*
Johs Sleght, Esqr.
Johs Beekman,
Tobias Van Bueren.

For *Hurly.*
Charles De Witt,
Adrian Wynkoop.

For *Marbletown.*
David Bevier.

New Windsor.
Samuel Brewster.

New Marlborough.
Bordewyn Teerpenning.

Rochester.
Andries Dewitt, Esqr.
Henricus Hoornbeek.

New Paltz.
Johs A. Hardenbergh,
Joseph Haasbroeck.

Shauengonk.
Johs Janse, Esqr.

Newburgh.
Abel Belknap.

Wall Kill.
Phillip Swartwout,
John McJuster,
Andrew McCord.

Hanover.
James McBride,
Alexander Trimble.

The committee then appointed Johs Sleght, Esqr. to sit as chairman pro tempore and Johs Bruin and Israel Smith to serve as Clerks.

A considerable number of Freeholders of the County of Ulster being then assembled pursuant to the resolves of the Congress in order to choose Eight Deputies to represent this county and then under the Inspection of the above Committee did by the Major voice, chuse and Elect *Henry Wesner*, *Matthew Rea*, *Dirk Wynkoop*, Junr. *Matthew Cantine*, *Andries Dewitt* and *Andries Lefever* Esqrs. Messrs. *Thomas Palmer* and *Samuel Brewster* for the purpose aforesaid.

The Committee then resolved, that three of the above deputies appearing in Congress at one time shall be entitled to act and give their Votes for said County.

A True Copy from the minutes.

By order of the Committee
JOHs SLEGHT, Chairman *pro tempore.*

Election of Deputies from Orange County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 177.]

At a meeting of the Freeholders and tenants of the Precinct of Cornwal in the County of Orange held at the House of John Brewster in Blooming Grove on Tuesday the 7th day of November 1775, agreeable to a certain Resolve of the Honorable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York for the purpose of dissolving the Congress then sitting, and also for Electing a new Congress to serve until the 10th of May Next Coming, at which time the said Freeholders and Tenants legally qualified did unanimously Choose, the bearer *Jeremiah Clark* for one of the Deputies to represent the County of Orange in Provincial Congress agreeable to the Resolves aforesaid, and did also at the same time unanimously agree that any two of the Deputies chosen to represent the said County for the Purposes aforesaid, should be a Quorum to represent the said County in Congress.

By order of the Committee,
THOMAS MOFFAT, *Clk.*

Thomas Moffatt to Michael Jackson and William Allison.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 244.]

Blooming Grove, Nov. 7, 1775.

Gentlemen: Inclosed you have a Return of Officers, chosen in a Company of Minute Men, which has hitherto been Neglected thro' delay of the Inspectors who attended the Election, and as there is some talk of their being wanted at the New

Battery on account of the Tories in the Counties of West Chester and Dutchess, who have threatened (as is reported) to pay them a Visit.

We would be glad you would move, for[d] the Commissions as soon as possible, and have them sent up by the first safe opportunity. The Bearer Silas Coleman will undoubtedly be a Safe hand, if no more favourable opportunity presents you will be good enough to send them by him. I am Gentlemen Your Humb[l] Servt, In haste.

By the order of the Commitee,

THOMAS MOFFAT, *Clk.*

Committee of Tryon County to John Moore.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 57.]

TRYON COUNTY COMMITTEE CHAMBER, NOV. 7th 1775.

Mr JOHN MOORE, SIR: In conformity to your last letters of the 10th and 19th of October last, we voted at this our assembly two new delegates for our provincial Congress, thinking them sufficient in number to represent there our County, but by a majority of the Votes of the Freeholders assembled, the choice fell again upon your person to remain in that office, being hitherto well contented with your service, and with you, *Isaac Paris* was chosen as another member on that purpose. We shall be not oblivious to satisfy your request in regard to your stay at New York. Please to dispatch us the commissions for our Militia, and to procure us answers from the Congress, concerning our Voting of a Sheriff, and the Dangerous Crew in and about Johnstown, who under the authority of Sir John Johnson increase and behave actually in opposition to make use of our County goal for our want.

The Indian, William Johnson, is again here in the Canajohary Castle, and brags Very boldly of his hostile facts publickly, damneth the Committee, and threatened them to kill Every member and also to burn and destroy the Settlements along the Mohawk river and its neighborhood yet before fall. Pray lay these before the Honorable Congress, and procure us with speed their opinion or orders about those dangerous Circumstances. You will thereby much oblige the whole County, and in particular Sir Your Friends and Humble Servants,

By order of Committee,

EBENEZER COX, Chairman, *p. t.*

P. S. As the Congress is dissolved, we shall have soon a new Election of Committees for our county. Please therefore immediately to send up your account of your Demands agst the Committee, if you have any to examine and settle the same before our dissolution.

Election of Deputies from Dutchess County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 73.]

This is to Certify that at the Election held at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in pursuance of a Resolution of the provincial Congress of this Colony of the 27th of October last, under the inspection of the general Committee of the said County, on the seventh and eighth days of Novembe[r] 1775, *Petrus Tenbroeck, Beverly Robinson, Cornelius Humphry, Henry Schenk, Gilbert Livingston, John Kaine, Jacob Everson, Morris Graham, and Robert G. Livingston Junr., Esquires,* were elected Deputies for the County of Dutchess, with power to them, or any three of them to represent the said county in a provincial Congress for the Colony of New York, appointed to meet at the City of New York on the fourteenth instant.

By order of the Committee,

EGB[T] BENSON, *Chair[n]*

Dutchess County Committee, Nov[r] 8th 1775.

Certificate regarding Vessels on the Lakes.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 123.]

BOSTON, 10th November, 1775.

This is to Certify the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that agreeable to the Contract entered into by their Lordships with John Blackburn of London, Merch^{t} for victualling and maintaining four Vessells employed on the Lakes Champlain, Ontario, Erie & Houron, that the said four Vessells have been kept properly manned & performed such services as has been required of them to my satisfaction from the 10th day of May, 1775, to this present time, for which I have given three receipts of this Tenor & date.

Election of Deputies from Albany County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 79.]

ALBANY COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 11th Nov^{r} 1775.

Pursuant to the Resolves of this committee entered into on the 30th ult. Yesterday the Polls of the several Elections held in the respective districts in this county for Deputies to represent this city and county in Provincial Congress, and the names of the several Voters and the Deputies they had voted for, being carefully counted, a majority of votes appeared for *Abraham Ten Broeck*, *Abraham Yates* Junr., *Jacob Cuyler*, *Francis Nicholl*, *Robert Yates*, *Henry Glen*, *Peter Silvester*, *Peter R. Livingston*, *John James Bleecker*, *Leonard Gansevoort*, *Henry Oothoudt*, and *Robert Van Rensselaer*. This committee do thereupon hereby declare the said persons to be duly elected, and that they or any five of them represent this city and county in provincial Congress during the time mentioned in the Resolves of the Provincial Congress. A True copy from the minutes.

MAT VISSCHER, Sec^{y}

ALBANY COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 23rd Nov^{r} 1775.

Whereas this committee on the 11th instant from the return of the Polls of the several Elections held in the respective Districts in this county for Deputies to represent this city & county in Provincial Congress did declare Abraham Ten Broeck, Abraham Yates Junr., Jacob Cuyler, Francis Nicholl, Robert Yates, Henry Glen, Peter Silvester, Peter R. Livingston, John James Bleecker, Leonard Gansevoort, Henry Oothoudt and Robert Van Rensselaer to be duly elected and that they or any five of them represent this city and county in provincial Congress during the term mentioned in the Resolves of the Provincial Congress; But by reason of the inconvenience attending the attendance of that number, It is

Resolved that the said persons or any four of them attend said congress and represent this city and county during the time aforesaid.

A True copy from the minutes.

MAT VISSCHER, Sec^{y}

Petition of Bernard Romans,

[Petitions, 31: 25.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York now convened at the City of New York, or during their recess to the Honorable the Committee of Safety.

The Petition and memorial of Bernard Romans most humbly showeth.

That your petitioner and memorialist having since the 28th day of August last been employed on the business of erecting and building fortifications in this Province, and that on the 2d day of October last he was by the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety examined as to the situation and nature of the ground pitched upon for a fort in the Highlands, of all which your petitioner and memorialist gave ample

information, and a plan; that the Hon^ble^ Committee of Safety then directed your petitioner and memorialist to produce a draught of such works as your petitioner and memorialist thought most adequate and proper to be there erected, for the defence and obstruction of the navigation of the North river, as also an estimate of expence that might accrue in erecting the same, which plans were to his great satisfaction approved of.

That the Hon^ble^ Committee of Safety then enquired on what terms your humble petitioner and memorialist would engage to build and erect said works, that in answer to such enquiry, he your humble petitioner and memorialist proposed to undertake the matter for a sum nearly equal to the sum mentioned in the aforesaid estimate which was for reasons unknown to him rejected, but in lieu thereof was by the said Hon^ble^ Committee appointed Engineer for the Province of New York with the rank and pay of Colonel, which appointment your petitioner and memorialist thought the height of favour bestowed on him and therefore accepted it without any consideration beyond those of gratitude and that it was a great honor that such a trust should be reposed in him, and your humble petitioner and memorialist only took the freedom to request knowing whether it was meant as an Establishment or not, to which your humble petitioner received an answer in the affirmative.

That your humble petitioner and memorialist expected a commission and instructions for a line of his Conduct, would have been granted to & made out for him & by the first opportunity sent up to him in full confidence whereof your humble petitioner and memorialist immediately repaired to the post intended where he has exerted himself to the utmost of his power under the limited circumstances he has been obliged to labor under.

That your humble petitioner has never received any such written appointment nor instructions, which makes him think that he labors under uncertain circumstances.

Your humble petitioner and memoralist thinking himself as projector entitled to be Director of the above works has found himself grossly mistaken, & his orders continually counter ordered & his plans contradicted especially in an erroneous distribution of labourers and artificers which he made complaint of to the Hon^ble^ Committee, the first time he appeared before that board, for the truth whereof he appeals to the memory of the members present & this distribution has since been still altered greatly for the worst & by this especially, expences have accrued, which he never intended should in any ways originate as also in the Building of a sudden addition of Barracks, which however was by your humble petitioner & memorialist judged to be in obedience to the orders of said Hon^ble^ Committee and therefore gave directions for the same, which have been by every method contravened & an erroneous plan substituted, your humble petitioner and memorialist has often expostulated with the commissioners on this head, remonstrating, that hereafter it would be asked, who was Engineer, but never who was Commissioners, & that he has at length delivered to them the annexed Instrument of Writing to which they have given him an answer & he again made a reply.

Your humble petitioner and memorialist therefore prays that you would give him his commission as promised, and take him out of this dreadful dilemma, where at first setting out his Character cannot fail to suffer & appoint him in the field or elsewhere, where his abilities may stand a fair tryal.

Your humble petitioner and memorialist is not one of those men, who consider themselves injured if the first appointment in the State is not conferred on them. No! but if it be thought requisite to continue him here he begs that it may please you to alter his appointment so that the Commissioners must consult him in every thing, that he may at least have some shadow of the dignity of the office he bears, for he knows, that in all States whatever an Engineer whose plan is once approved of, knows no Superior but in the execution thereof his word is law.

Your humble petitioner and memorialist does not mean to have anything to do in Money Matters, but he begs leave to observe, that had the Engineer been told "such a sum is to be expended, you must consider this, & regulate your plan accordingly & the Commissioners are directed to go by no means beyond those limits" in that case the Engineer must have been lost to all sense of honor if he had not fixed

his Pride in making a good work, and endeavoured to contract the expence below the limits of his Estimate, but as your humble petitioner and memorialist is now placed the treatment he receives must grate a man of but a grain of spirit, as it makes him contemptible in the Eye of the Workmen, & continually places him in the situation of a man conscious of his own abilities under the absolute Command of a school boy.

Your humble petitioner begs leave to observe to the Hon^ble^ house that his office is a very exercising one keeping body and mind constantly employed together & therefore humbly prays that an assistant may be granted to him & as persons in some measure acquainted with the art, are Certainly most proper for this purpose, he begs leave to request that he may retain with him in the service, a man of whose Talents and fidelity he has had an experience for years together & who is now with him, submitting this however to the discretion of the Hon^ble^ house.

Your humble petitioner likewise prays, some allowance of provisions for the maintenance of a servant.

Your humble petitioner & memorialist hopes that this prayer & memorial may not any ways be construed as originating in ill will or other sinister intents against the Commissioners, by no means! his acquaintance with three of them at least forbids it, he judges them to be honest well meaning men, who in their Countrys cause have self not so much at heart, but would sacrifice life & property for liberty, yet their anxious care for the pecuniary affairs of their Country, leads them into such methods of saving, as a little experience will soon convince them & all the concerned are very expensive & this only has given ground to the premises.

By granting the above prayer to your humble petitioner & memorialist, he will ever think himself in duty bound &c.

HIGHLANDS, Nov^r^ 15^th^ 1775. B. ROMANS.

Officers of Ulster County Companies.

[Military Returns, 26: 94, 246, 248.]

At a meeting of Capt. Bradner's Company, on the West side of Wall Kill, for the Election of Officers for said Company, held at the House of John Carpenter's, the 16^th^ Nov. 1775. The following Gentlemen were by a majority of voices elected viz: John Little, Captain; William Stewart, 1^st^ Lieut.; Abraham Harding, 2^d^ Lieut.; Robert Thompson jun^r^ Ensign.

The above is a just and True Return of the officers elected as above, Witness our hands the day and year above mentioned.

JOHN WOOD,
GEORGE THOMPSON.
Committee.

I desire the Commissions may be sent, agreeable to me for the above said Persons.
[Commissions Issued Dec. 1, 1775.] DAN^LL^ EVERETT, *Chairman.*

Pursuant to the Recommendation of the Provincial Congress, The Committee of the Town of Hurley, Having on the 16^th^ day of November Instant issued advertisements, thereby notifying the Inhabitants under Militia Command to assemble on the 24^th^ Inst. of November at the house of huybert oostrander in Hurley, in order to Elect the Militia officers of said Town, the said Inhabitants did on the said day assemble and meet, and have by Major Voices Chose,

For Captain of the said Company of Militia for the said Town Gradus Hardenbergh, for first Lieutenant Simon Le fever, for second Lieutenant Samuel Schoonmaker, for Ensign Aart Joh^s^ Van Wagenen, for Serjeants Johannis Blanchan, Zacharias Sluyter, Jacob Le fever, Jacob Blanchan, and for Corporals Jacob Crom, Mattheus Blanchan, Elias Teerpenning & Benjamin H. Freer, for Clerk Samuel Le fever, for drummer Abraham K. Sluyter, for fifer Welhelmies Sluyter.

And the Committee do return the above named persons to the Provincial Congress. By order of the Committee,

HURLEY, Nov. 24, 1775. A. WYNKOOP, *Chairman.*

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

GENTLEMEN: By the appointment of the Committee of the New Paltz, The Company of Militia of Foot of the Southern District of the New Paltz on the 23d day of November 1775, By Majority of Voices under the Inspection of us the Subscribers, three of the Committee of the New Paltz, Did Choose and Elect their Militia Officers agreeable to the Resolves of this Honourable Congress, Viz: John A. Hardenbergh, for Captain, Jonathan Terwilger, 1st Lieutenant, Nicholas Hardenbergh, 2d lieutenant, Daniel Freer, Junr Ensign.

Therefore, We request this Honourable Congress to Send up Commissions with All Convenient Speed, that so this company may be brought under the Regulations of the Congress.

OLIVER GRAY,
PELEG RANSOM,
EBENEZER PERKINS.

Attest: JOSEPH CODDINGTON, Com. Clk.

[Commissions Issued 7th Dec. 1775.]

Certificate in favor of Roger Purdy.

[Petitions, 31: 33, 35.]

CORTLANDT'S MANNOR, 18th Novr 1775.

GENTLEMEN: Whereas Roger Purdy of the Town of Rye in the County of Westchester was some time Last fall made prisoner, and was till some time in January under the care of the Guards at Fishkill, at which time his Brother Joseph Purdy of this place Released him from that Confinement, by Giving his Obligation that the said Roger should Not at any time abscond the said Joseph Purdy's farm, untill by authority Releasd from that Confinement. Now the said Roger Humbly Beggs of the Gentlemen so authorisd to Enlarge his Bounds to four or five Miles, his Sd Brother Giving obligations that he shall not exceed his Bounderies for which end we the subscribers (being Near Neighbours to the sd Purdy) do certify that the said Roger has since he has been in this place been true to his trust and Behaved himself very well to our knowledge.

JAMES BROWN,
ANDREW BROWN.

Committee of Goshen to the Provincial Congress.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 61, 63.]

GENTLEMEN: We received your favor of the 23d instant, and agreeable to your request have immediately Summoned our precinct together, which through some unhappy mistake of the County Committee has not been notified to meet before, and have unanimously elected *Peter Clows* and *William Allison* Esqrs. as part of the Deputies for this County and which was left by the other precincts, as our proportion of representation.

We hope Gentlemen that you will not refuse the gentlemen above mentioned their seats since our County has fallen into the method of choosing their Deputies in the respective precincts. Signed by the Inspectors of Election.

By order of the Committee,
BENJ. FOSTER,
BENJN GALE,
DANIEL EVERETT.

GOSHEN, Nov. 27, 1775.

These are to certify, that at a meeting of the Freeholders and Tennents of Goshen precinct entitled to vote for Deputies to represent them in a provincial Congress,—

Voted Unanimously that *Peter Clows* and *William Allison* Esquires, be Deputies for said precinct, in order to Compleat the number allotted to the County of Orange.

And at the same meeting Unanimously agreed, that any two of the Deputies for said County, represent them in Said Congress, Viz one on the South, and one on the north side of the Mountains.

Signed By Order
DANIEL EVERETT, Chn

GOSHEN, 27th Nov 1775.

Proceedings of Dutchess County Committee.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 258.]

DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMITTEE, Nov 27th 1775.

Ordered, that Capt John Schenck take in Custody and confine in Goal, Jacobus Ostrum, Johannis Medlar, and Barent Lewis, and Keep them in Safe Custody untill the further order of this Committee or the Provincial Congress; and further Ordered, that John Child Esqr. Zephaniah Platt, Docr Peter Tappan, and Col. John Freer be a committee to examine the aforesaid persons, and such other persons, as they may think proper to call upon, and transmit a copy of the Said examination to the Provincial Congress in New York, and return a Copy thereof to this Committee at their next meeting. A True copy from the Minutes.

MELANCTON SMITH, Sectry

POUGHKEEPSIE, Nov 30th 1775.

Capt Schenck in Obedience to the above Order, took the persons therein named into his custody, and having Summoned the gentlemen of the Committee in the above Order named, there appeared Colo John Freer, Peter Tappan, and John Childs, who called in Johannis Medlar, and read the underwritten Charge to him.

That he the Said Johannis Medlar, Knew of and was Consenting to his Son Johns going with Peter Harris: that he made interest with Peter Harris to procure a Commission for his Said Son, and he the Said Johannis Medlar would assist in procuring Men to fill a Company for them.

Mr. Medlar answers that he Knew nothing of the Matters alledged against him, and was innocent of the Charge, or words to that Effect.

Mr Medlar was then remanded, and Jacobus Ostrum brought in, and the under written Charge read to him.

That he Jacobus Ostrum together with Barent Lewis, Engaged with Peter Harris to Enlist Men to form a Company for said Harris in the *Kings Troops*—that he with said B. Lewis, persuaded Richard Vandenbergh to join the Service, and go with Said Harris, Said Ostrum declaring he would go with them himself, but his wife & family were unwell—that when they got better, he would come on board the Man of War at New York and join them.

Mr Ostrum answered, as Mr Medlar had Done, wholly denying the Charge.

Mr Ostrum was then remanded and Barent Lewis brought in, and the underwritten Charge read to him.

That he the Said Barent Lewis Engaged with Peter Harris, to assist Said Harris in procuring Men to form a Company in the Kings Service, under the Command of Said Harris—that he, the said Barent Lewis together with Jacobus Ostrum persuaded Richard Vanden Bergh to join the Service, and go with Said Harris.

Mr Lewis answered as Mr Medlar had Done wholly denying the Charge.

Capt Schenck, then in further obedience to the foregoing order Committed the Prisoners to Goal, where they lye in a verry uncomfortable Cold Room waiting the order which Congress shall take respecting them, which we could wish might be Expeditious; the Proceedings of the General Committee of Dutchess County being grounded on information from the Committee of New York, We beg leave to refer the Congress to them for further information.

We are Gentlemen Your Very Humble Servts

JOHN FREER,
PETER TAPPAN,
JOHN CHILDS.

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Inhabitants of Putney to Colonel Williams.

[Petitions, 31: 226.]

PUTNEY, December ye 6, 1775.

SIR: We the Inhabitants Putney Beg Leave To signefie to you that the Prosseadings of the late County Convention first the Congress secondly as a Committy of

safety for y^e^ County S^r^ we Humbly Conceive Have Discoverred such a spirit of Ignorence or Tyrony that we are apprehencive that our Liberties wich we are Contending for are In Danger and Like to wrong oute of our hands By Nine or Ten arbitary men who seame to Be Ingaged In Counteractting there one Resolves and In Iretating the minds of the People with ther Inconsistent and Impolitick Prosedings Discoverring that they are set upon making such a choice as will Be Disseagrable to the Body of the People and In Pertickerler In the Last Choice In Chousing men that Could By No means Be Recomended By the Body of the People and Partickerler some wich Large objecttions was made against and Good Evedince Could be procured a Gainst them that they Ever have Discovered an Enimicial sperit to the liberties of Aniraca Now all this Doth suffishantly Prove that our Liberties are or near at an End unless we Exsert ourselves for our Defence we there fore pray that the sence of the people may Be had Before the Choise of Field Officers Go To New Yorck For why should we Be Deprived of our Rite and have men Imposed upon us that we have reasons to fear are not Friends and to have the County Concearned a multiplicety of Inconsistent Resolves which they themselves have made void and have never had the goodness to Consult their Constituants for the Pease of the County.

Now Sir this we Easteem as an Infringement on our Rights and are Determined never to Submit to tirany For which our Country now Bleads we Pray therefore that you would not make return of this Choice if you have Regard for the Peace of the County we must Let you Know that if this Plan stands good we will join with our Brethren and send our Protest to York. we trust you will Exert your self to heal this Breach and Putting Confidence in your goodness we with esteem subscribe our selves your Humble Servants.

To Colo^l^ Williams of Draper.

John French,	Jonathan Lockling,	Rufus More,
James Hait,	Giddon Badger,	John Perry,
Cyrus Haughton,	Amos Hait,	Solomon Perry,
Grandol Renneted,	Mical Law,	Ebennezar Perce,
Mathew Haughton,	Daniel Jewet,	Joseph Lusher,
James Winant,	John Mcwain,	Moses Perry,
Bej. Huchens,	Elsha Hubard,	Aron Colee,
Daneill Gales,	Noah Mising,	Caleb Greene,
Phillop Alixander,	Jonathan Houghton,	Cyrus Witcomb,
Elish Eyers,	Abijah Morse,	Cyrus Witcomb, Jun^r^
Simon Smeed,	Abijah Whitney,	Jonas Moor.

To M^r^ Paul Spooner To Be Communicated To The Honorable Provintial Congress at y^e^ City of New York.

Inhabitants of Westminster to Colonel Williams.

[Petitions, 31 : 227.]

Westminster, December y^e^ 7^th^ 1775.

Sir : We the Subscribers Inhabitent of Westminster Beag Leave To Inform you that the Late Choise of field Officers is Esteamd very unhapy by us as the manner in which Thay were Chosse was an Enfringment on the wrights of the People as there was not but Peart of The Committe there and Those that were there had no Instruction from the Body to proseed as thay did and for this Town in peticulear in Chussing John Norton which Could not have had an Majority of Vots in this Town nor in any Town where he is known as his Language hath always discovred a spirit of Disapprobation of the Proseedings of the Collines as would have bin proved if the Committe had not Deprived the Complainents of the wright of an Englishman To have Time to Collect Evidence.

This with the Election of others who we have reason to see want Power as thay Determind Gitt into office without the vote of the peopll Depriving us of the Priviledg that we are now Contend-

ing for we therefore pray that this choise may not be sent To York for why should we have men Imposed on us by Nine or Ten Arbitiry Men.

Sir we Deal plainly that we Cannot Submitt to be Govrnd by Sutch men as we have Reason to fear would Betray us in the hand of the Cruell. And if the County Cannot have their Rite we must joyne with ouer Neighbouers in Sending a protest against all the ill Legal proseeding to York we hop you will Consider of this sad nature of Division and exert yourself to heal the Breach in the County

S^{r} we shall Depend on your goodness and with Esteem Subscribe ouer selves your humble ser^{t}

Azariah wright,	Uriah Carpinder,	Sam^{l} Phippen, Jur.
Simeon Burk,	Sam^{ll} Avrill,	Robe^{t} Rand,
Sam^{l} Richardson,	Tho^{s} Avrill,	Benj^{a} Lovejoy,
Atherton Cheafy, Jun^{r}	Joseph Phipen,	Abijah Lovejoy,
Nathan M. Robirtson,	James Richardson,	John Avrill,
Job Perry,	Nathan Roberson,	John Avrill, Jr.
Abel Carpinder,	Atherton Cheafey,	John Pitty.
Robert Bolis,	Jesse Burk,	

We are sorie To Tronble you in this manner Necessity Calls for it as Tyriny appers so Evident in the Late County Convention that unless a stop is put To it the County is Ruined.

To M^{r} Will^{m} Williams (of Draper)

To Mr. Paul Spooner, To Be Comunicated To The Honorable Provincial att the Citty of New Yorck

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Election of Deputies in Orange County.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 53.]

At a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the precinct of Haverstraw the 7th day of November ult. and also at a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Orangetown the same day, and by several adjournments after in Orangetown, the following persons was chosen to represent the said part of the said county in particular, and the said county in general in Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

In the Precinct of Haverstraw, Col. *A. Hawkes Hay* and *Thomas Cuyper*, Esqrs and in Orangetown, *John Haring*, Esq, and that any one of the said deputies shall fully represent the south side of the mountains in the said county in particular, and any two of the six deputies chosen in the said county to represent the said county in general.

In Pursuance whereof the Joint Committee of the town of Orangetown and Haverstraw precinct, do certify this return to be a sufficient voucher for the said Deputies as they may severally attend at the provincial Congress in the Province of New York.

In Committee, December 7th, 1775. T. OUTWATER, *Chairman.*

Committee of Cumberland County to the President of the Provincial Congress.

[Cred. of Del. 24: 49.]

May it Please Your Honor: We the committee of Safety for this county, have Proceeded in the election of Deputies, pursuant to the resolves of the Honorable Congress for the Colony of New York, of October 10th 1775.

And this certifies that Major *William Williams* and Dr *Paul Spooner* are chosen by this county to represent the people thereof in the Honorable Provincial Congress at the city of New York.

Also we the Committee of Safety for this county, have presumed to nominate Col. *James Rogers* to be the Brigadier for Cumberland, Gloster, and Charlotte brigade.

Moreover according to the directions of the Honorable Provincial Congress of New York (as are transmitted to us) per our Delegate Major Williams, we have

recommended the following Gentlemen belonging to this county to be speedily commissioned by said Congress viz:

Lower Regiment in the County.	*Upper Regiment.*
Major William Williams, 1st Col.	Capt. Joseph Marsh, 1st Col.
" Jonathan Hunt, 2d Do.	" John Barrett, 2d Do.
Lt. John Norton, 1st Major,	Lt. Hilkiah Grout, 1st Major,
Oliver Lovell, Esq., d Do.	Capt. Joel Matthews, 2d Do.
Mr. Arad Hunt, Adjut and	Mr. Timothy Spencer, Adjut
Mr. Samuel Fletcher, Quartermaster.	Mr. Amos Robinson, Quartermaster,

Regiment of Minute Men.

Capt Jacob Hoisington, 1st Col.
Mr. Seth Smith, 2d Do.
Mr. Joseph Tyler, 1st Major,
Mr. Joel Marsh, 2d Do.
Timothy Phelps, Adjut
Elisha Hawley, Quartermaster.

The Honorable Provincial Congress complying with our request, as speedy as possible, will much oblige your most obedient humble servant, &c. Signed by order of the Committee of Safty, JOHN BARRETT, *Clark.*

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, WESTMINSTER, Dec. 1, 1775.

Resolved, That our delegates chosen to represent this County of Cumberland at the Honorable Provincial Congress in the city of New York, be hereby Qualified and have free Power to act in Provincial Congress, singly in as ample and free a manner when but one is present, as both, when both are present at said Congress.

A true copy from the minutes.

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 30, 1775. Atest, JOHN BARRETT, *Clerk.*

New York Provincial Congress to Messrs Grennell, &c.

[Mil. Com. 25: 57, 59, 63.]

NEW YORK, December 5th 1775.

GENTLEMEN: The Continental Congress have ordered six companies of 90 men each, (besides those already there) to be placed in the fortifications on Hudson's River. These six Companies are nearly ready, and if Barracks can be fit to receive them may be there in eight days.

We earnestly request you to have sufficient Barracks Completed for a Thousand men if possible, and to lay in immediately a sufficient Quantity of firewood for the Barracks that now are and can be built.

We are gentlemen Your Humble Servts. By Order.

JOHN GRENNELL, SAMt BAYARD, WM BEDLOW & JONATH: LAWRENCE, Esqrs.

Lord Stirling to Nathaniel Woodhull.

[Mil. Com. 25: 59.]

HEAD QUARTERS ELIZABETH TOWN, New Jersey, Decemr 5th 1775.

SIR: By a letter of the 27th Ultimo from the President of the Continental Congress I am informed that he has wrote to the Convention of New York to furnish the Continental Troops under my Command in the Province with as many Fire arms as they can spare, and that he has desired them to be sent to me for their use. I should be very glad to know what number can be spared, and as I am ordered immediately to dispatch six companies of 90 each to the New Fort on Hudson's River in the Highlands, It would facilitate that service very much, if 300 stand of arms could immediately be sent over to me, and in order to avoid any dangers there may be in passing by water to this place, I will take care at any appointed time, to receive them with a proper guard at Hobocken, Whybaken, or any other place on Hudson's River that may be thought most proper.

The Six Companies destined to Garrison the before mentioned new Fort I hope will be ready to move during this and the next week. I purpose to march them to Dobbs's ferry, where it will be necessary that two or three sloops should attend about eight days hence in order to embark and sail with them as they arrive; as soon as I can fix the day on which the first Company can be there, I will inform you of it.

Be pleased to inform me whether the Barracks at the new fortress be in readiness to receive the Six companies I am ordered to send there; and whether provision, firewood &c be provided. I shall use my utmost endeavours to furnish the Companies I send off with 24 Rounds of Powder and Ball. I hope your Congress will provide a further supply of those articles at the fortress.

I am Sir Your most Humble Servt

STIRLING.

Nathaniel Woodhull, Esq., Vice President of the late New York Provincial Congress.

New York Provincial Congress to Lord Sterling.

[Mil. Com. 25: 57.]

My Lord: We were honoured last night with your favour of yesterday upon the subject of Arms for your Troops and their marching to the new Fort and the making provision for them of fire wood and other necessaries. In answer to which we inform you that the Deputy Commissary General has orders to provide provisions for one thousand men, a considerable part of which is already sent to the Fort, and we have directed our Commissioners to purchase fire wood sufficient for the Barracks now built and to be built for the winter season. Those already built will not lodge more than three Hundred men and a great part of them are now occupied by the workmen; the remaining part will not Quarter above two compleat companies. Two incomplet Companies are now there and a third came from there a few days ago to guard the prisoners to Newark, when this Company was there the Barracks were much crowded. It is expected that in the course of the Winter additional Barracks will be built which with those already built will lodge about 1000 men. At present it will be impossible to Quarter the six companies you mention in the Fort; if they are sent up they must be Quartered in the neighbourhood. We have it not in our power to supply the Fort with any Powder or Ball, when it is we shall do it very chearfully. This Colony has been gleaned of its arms to furnish the troops raised in it many have been pressed for this purpose, and this city in particular has been striped of 550 of its best arms, so that we are very badly armed as a Colony, and have no arms in our power to spare. Our Colony has already put all its public arms in the Continental Service, and we hope our neighbours of Jersey have spared theirs before they called upon us. Striped as we are, our zeal to promote the public service has determined us to purchase about 100 muskets of our Citizens, of different bores with Bayonets and steel ram-rods for your troops, for which were we are to pay 80s. To prevent any misunderstanding in settling the Public accounts we expect the arms are to be on account of your Colony, or the Confederated Colonies. The muskets will be in order about ten days when they are finished we shall advise you.

We are with great truth and Regard, your Lordship's Obedient Humble Servants.

Address of Governor Tryon to the Inhabitants of New York.

[N. Y. Col. Mss. CI. 123.]

NEW YORK, December 6, 1775.

[Yesterday the following Letter, and Address, *to the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was by his Excellency our Governor, sent to Whitehead Hicks, Esq.; Mayor of this city.]

SHIP DUTCHESS OF GORDON,
New York Harbour, 4th Dec. 1775.

SIR: I desire you will lay before the Corporation the inclosed Paper, containing my Sentiments on the present convulsed state of this Country; and that you will please to make the same Public.

I am, Sir, Your very humble Servant,
WILLIAM TRYON.

To WHITEHEAD HICKS, Esq.; Mayor of the City of New York.

To the INHABITANTS of the Colony of NEW YORK:

I take this public Manner to signify to the Inhabitants of this Province, that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant me his Royal Permission to withdraw from the Government; and at the same Time to assure them of my Readiness to perform ever Service in my Power, to promote the common Felicity. If I am excluded from every Hope of being any Ways instrumental towards the Re-establishment of that Harmony, at present interrupted between Great Britain and her Colonies, I expect soon to be obliged to avail myself of his Majesty's Indulgence.

It has given me great Pain to view the Colony committed to my care, in such a turbulent State as not to have afforded me since my Arrival, any Prospect of being able to take the dispassionate and deliberate Sense of its Inhabitants, in a constitutional Manner, upon the Resolution of Parliament for composing the present Ferments in the Provinces; A Resolution that was intended for the Basis of an Accommodation; and if candidly considered in a Way in which it will be most probably successful, and treated with that Delicacy and Decency requisite to the Cultivation of a sincere Reconciliation and Friendship, might yet be improved for the Purpose of restoring the general Tranquility and Security of the Empire.

I owe it to my Affection to this Colony, to declare my wish, that some Measure may be speedily adopted for this purpose; as I feel an extreme Degree of Anxiety, in being Witness to the growing Calamities of this Country, without the Power to alleviate them: Calamities that must increase, while so many of the Inhabitants withhold their Allegiance from their Sovereign, and their Obedience to the Parent Country; by whose Power and Patronage they have hitherto been sustained and protected.

WILLIAM TRYON.

SHIP DUTCHESS OF GORDON,
Harbour of New York, 4th Dec. 1775.

Declaration of the Inhabitants of Queens County, New York.

[American Archives, 4th Series, 4: 203.]

QUEENS COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, December 6, 1775.

We, freeholders and inhabitants of Queens County, seeing, in common with our fellow-subjects, the deepest anxiety and distress from the most unhappy state of affairs between Great Britain and the American Colonies, and beholding with horror, every appearance of being involved in any the least unfriendly contention with our neighbors, countrymen, and fellow-subjects, have resolved to take every step in our power to prevent so destructive an event — an event which, if permitted to take place, will introduce misery and distress, and open wounds that many years cannot heal. Impressed with these ideas, and the most friendly disposition towards all our fellow-subjects, we make this public declaration of our sentiments and intentions, by which we hope to obtain the approbation of every real friend of liberty.

We declare that we have not the most distant design or inclination to injure or offend any of our fellow-subjects; but if, in exercising the essential privileges of

freemen, we unfortunately differed with our brethren as to the mode of bringing the present troubles to a happy conclusion, we have carefully avoided every ostentatious display of that difference in sentiment and every irritating measure. We wish only to remain in peace, nor have we done aught to interrupt the quiet of others. So far have we been from harbouring a wish to offer violence to any, that we remained a long time destitute of the ordinary means of self-defence. We trusted that as we meant not to injure any man, so none would attempt to injure us. At length, however, we found too much reason to be apprehensive for the safety of ourselves, our families and property. Reports have been circulated, and messages delivered to us, importing that we are to be disarmed, and some of our principal people taken in custody; that we are, in short to be treated as enemies to our country. We call upon every man who values himself upon the inheritance of an Englishman, to say what he would do in such a case. Would he suffer himself to be disarmed, and tamely confess himself an abject slave? Certainly no. Can any one, then, who feels the spirit of liberty, impose that on us which he had rather die than submit to himself? Can he blame us for doing that which he most surely would do was he in our situation? Impelled by the most powerful arguments of self-defence, we have at last been driven to procure a supply of those means for protecting ourselves, of which we have been, till now, almost totally destitute; but we solemnly declare we procured them for the sole purpose of defending ourselves from insults and injuries.

And as many reports have been propagated, tending to excite the resentment of our countrymen against us, and to represent us as entirely inimical to them, we take this opportunity to declare that all such reports are wicked inventions and void of truth.

To remain peaceable and quiet, we again repeat, is our earnest desire; and breathing the most friendly disposition towards our neighbours, countrymen, and fellow-subjects, we entreat them to behold in us those endearing connections, and not suffer a difference in opinion, or mischievous and groundless reports, to hurry them into acts of violence against us, which the laws of God and man will justify us in resisting.

The above declarations are published as containing the sentiments and intentions of a large majority of the inhabitants of the County.

Election of Deputies in Orange County.

[Cred. of Del. 24 : 55.]

These are to Certify that at a meeting of the Freeholders of the town of Orange in Orange County, at the House of Mr. Jost Mabie, the ninth day of December, 1775, it was resolved that *John Haring*, *Peter Clowes*, *William Allison*, *Anne Hawke Hay*, *Thomas Cuiper*, *Jeremy Clark*, Esqrs, or any two or more of them, be and are fully authorized and impowered to represent the said County of Orange in provincial Congress of this Colony now convened in the city of New York.

By Order, THOMAS OUTWATER, *Chairman.*

List of Queens County Tories.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 262; Assoc. 30: 529.]

In Provincial Congress, New York, Dec. 12, 1775.

Whereas this Congress has received undoubted information that a number of Disaffected Persons in Queens County, have been supplied with arms and ammunition from on board the Asia, Ship of War, and are arraying themselves in Military manner to oppose the Measures taking by the United Colonies for the Defense of their just Rights and Privileges. *Ordered* that of,

Jamaica Township.
Captain Benjamin Whitehead,
Charles Ardin,
Joseph French Esq[r]
Johannes Polhemus.

Newtown.
Nath. Moore,
John Moore Senior,
Capt. Samuel Hallet,
John Moore Junior,

Hempstead Township.
Gabriel G. Ludlow,
Richard Hewlet,
Captain Charles Hicks,
Doctor Martin,
Justice Samuel Clowes.
William Weyman,
John Shoals,
Jeromus Repalye.

Flushing Township.
John Willet.

Hempstead Township.
Justice Gilbert Van Wyck,
Daniel Kissam Esq. Cowneck,
Captain Jacob Mott,
Thomas Cornell of Rockaway,

Oyster Bay.
Justice Thomas Smith, Hog Island.
Justice John Hewlet,
Captain George Weeks,
Doctor David Brooks,
Justice John Townsend,

being charged as principal Men among the disaffected in said County, do attend this Congress at Ten o'clock Tuesday Morning next, the 19th inst., to give Satisfaction to this Congress in the Premises, and that they be protected from any Injury or Insult, during their coming to, and returning from this Congress.

NATH[L] WOODHULL, *President.*

Rich[d] Hulet,
Thos. Cornwall,
Stephen Hulet,
Gab[l] Ludlow,
Doctor Charles Arden,
Joseph Beagle,
Joseph Langdon,
Doctor Martin,
Judge Thomas Jones,
Capt. Arch[d] Hamilton, Flush[g]
David Colden, Flushing,
Richard Colden, Do.
Judge Ludlow, Plains.
Justice Clary,
Capt. John Kendal, at Dan[l] Thorns, Flushing,
John Moore,
John Moore, Newton,
David Beattie of Hampstead,
W[m] Jn[o] Baudin at Jamaica,
Mr. Chase, Do.
John Hulet, Oyster bay,
Hugh Wallace, Esq[r]
George Tallcott,
Samuel Doughty.

A List of Inhabitants of Queens County under Bonds filed in the Provincial Congress.

Daniel Kissam,
Gilb[t] Van Wyck,
John Willet,
David Brooks,
Samuel Hallett,
Charles Hicks,
John Townshend,
John Polhemus,
Benjamin Whitehead,
W[m] Waynman,
Tho[s] Smith,
John Shoals,
Samuel Martin,
Nath[l] Moore.

Election of Officers of Cants Hook Militia.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 79.]

Agreeable to a Resolve of the Committee of the Precinct of Cornwal for Choosing Officers in the Company of Militia of foot of Cants Hook whereof James Metthews was lately Captain in Consequence whereof the following Persons were Chosen, viz:

Samuel Patrick, Captain, Benjamin Rose, first Lieutenant, Isaac Garrison, Second Do., James Cunningham, Ensign.

I do hereby certify the above to be a true coppy of the Return made to the Committe.
Dec. 12th 1775. THOMAS MOFFAT, Clk.

Petition of Corporal Jones.

[Petitions, 31: 11.]

New York, 13 Decem. 1775.

Gentlemen:—I make bold to lay my grievences before you in hopes you will see me righted I have been five months a Corporal in Captain Ledgers Company and have received no more than 5ˢ8ᵈ a month, I have been lately informed by one or two corporals that came down from St. Johns that they received 5ˢ8ᵈ per month; now Gentlemen as I have been always ready and willing to do anything for the good of my country I hope your honors will be so kind as to grant me my full pay which will be forever acknowledged by your mutch obliged verry humble servt.

EDWARD JONES.

Circular to the Members of the Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Com. 25: 55.]

In Provincial Congress, New York, Decr 1775.

Sir: The Congress have this day Resolved to adjourn on —— the —— Day of next, and have thought proper to appoint a Committee of Safety during their recess, consisting of twelve members of which you was voted one. We give you this previous intimation that you may have an opportunity to prepare yourself and be down by the Time limited for adjournment, we must beg that you will not attempt to avail yourself of serving on the committee as you will leave your county unrepresented and perhaps by your non-attendance be the means of retarding the public business.

Report on a Lead mine.

[Mil. Com., 25: 47.]

To the Honble General Assembly Convened at New Haven on the 14th of Decr 1775.

Whereas Capt Samel Forbs & the subscriber were appointed by your Honoars at your Cession in Octr last, a Comtee to Examine and Explore a Lead mine at New Canan in the Province of New York and to Report &c I the sd Subscriber ask leave to report that on the 7th of Novr last on my journey to sd New Canan I expected sd Capt Forbs to join me, but he being Ill and unable to assist in sd business advised me to proceed, with which advice I complied and Repared to sd New Canan, when I found sd mine, the vein of oar in which appears about 50 or 60 Rods in length, lying north and south in a ledge of Rocks or Lime stone mixed with white flint at the south end of which the ground falls about twenty-six feet, below which the water cannot be drawn off by a level, which vein I found had been opened about one Rod in length and about three or four feet Deep; Where I employed a skillful miner to Blast the Rock but found no continued, or adherent vein, but found the Oar in Bodies in different shapes, about Three or four inches diameter lying about three or four feet distant, the sd miner also opened the vein in several places where it had not before been tried and it appeared to lie in the same manner. I also smelted Eight ounces of said oar and found when it was well refined it weighed five ounces and was very mallable and good, all which is submitted.

Your Honors most obedient humble servant,

JOSEPH HOPKINS.

N. B. The mine aforesd lies in a tract of land called the Kings District, where the Fee has never been granted or Patentd to any person, and the Inhabitants claim to hold by possession only,—and I employed the miner aforementioned with others to

labour in s[d] mine seven days about half of which time was spent in preparing to open the vein, and by the other half of the labour was raised one hundred weight of oar.

Yours as above,

J. HOPKINS.

Inhabitants of Fulham to Paul Spooner.

[Petitions, 31: 222.]

Honored S[s]: We The Inhabitants of Fullam Beg Leave to Informe you That the Late Choise of Field Officers We Esteime Such an Infringment on The Rights of the People and not Being The Vote of the Body of y[e] People nor yet The Vote of The Committy As a Body and several of The Men Being Much susspected of Being unfrindly To The Liberties of America and In Pitikeler John Nortain Who Is Univarsaly Known To be In Opisition To The Plan of Liberty S[r] We Thinck the Presediant To Be Bad In Having Men Choisen By Individuals and much more to have men to Leade us to the Place of Action Whose Goodness is Suspected we Therefore In Duty to our Contry and oure Selves and Potestaryty Do humbly Pray that Those men in Nomination May Not Be In Nomination May not be Recomended for Comissions Till The Senee of The Body of The Conty Be Known for why Should Nine or Ten Men Presume to Personate the Body withoute Any Instructions from the Body of The People of y[e] County Snur we pray that you would Not Carry the Chose which we Esteame so Illegall to New Yorck, as we have A Valne for your Honers fur we Must Be Plaine In our Relation to You And Tell you that Unless the Inconsistant and Impolitick Proceedings of the Last County Convention Can Be Look Into and Redress had for the Many Enfringments which we have Received from them we must sent our Protest By way of Remostrance to New Yorck to the Provential Congress S[r] we are unwilling to Enter on this But for our Safesty Must Do It and Hope that you By youre Timely Interposition will Prevent So unhapy a Task S[r] we look upon the whole nomination Illegal And we must Enter our Protest Against the whole for there was But Nine out of twenty one and Seven oute of that Body was In Nomination S[r] Trusting In youre Coddness we hope you will Give a True Representation to our Britherren the Honoreble Provintial Congress A New Yorck S[r] We Remain Youre Most Sinceir and True Friends the True Sons of Liberty.

Jonathan Knight,	Lem[l] Spaulding,	Thomas Holton,
Eben[e] Havens,	John Wilder,	Aaron Holton,
Thomas Clark,	Nath[l] French,	John Butler,
Hosea Miller,	Joshua Walton,	Shepard Gates,
Berzilla Rice,	Joseph Heldreth, Jr.	Ashbel Johnson,
John Hooker,	Aaron Brooks, Jr.	James Nickols,
Enoch Cook,	Benj[a] Putnam,	John Scott,
Sam[l] Dutton,	Dan[l] Gates,	Joseph Coney,
Benj[n] Jones, Jr.	Rufus Sergeants,	Dan[l] Kathan,
Elias Wilder,	James Hanley,	John Millar,
Sam[l] Wilder,	Joseph Temple,	Isaac Millar,
Ezra Robinson,	Parmelas Temple,	Israel Hooker,
Benj[a] Jones,	Sam[l] Temple,	Eben[r] Brooks,
Cornelius Jones,	Dan[l] Temple,	Sam[l] Layton,
Aaron Jones,	Joseph Temple, Jr.	Aaron Brooks,
Sam[l] Smith,	Abel Houghton,	Dan[l] Sergeants,
Richard Kelly,	W[m] Boyden,	Joseph Heldreth,
Andrew Graham,	Elijah Town,	Dan[l] Sergeants, Jr.
Sam[l] Knight, Jr.,	Elijah Town, Jr.	

Fullam, December 13, 1775.

To M[r] Paul Spooner. To Be Communicated To The Honorable Provincial Congress Setting Att y[e] City of New Yorck.

Provincial Congress to the N. Y. Delegates in the Continental Congress.

[Military Committee, 25: 65.]

In Provincial Congress, New York, December, 18th 1775.

Gent": We take the liberty to enclose you the copy of a letter, we tho't proper to write to Governor Trumbull on the subject of a late Inroad made by some of the Inhabitants of Connecticut into this Colony, and also a Resolve of thanks for the friendly assistance given by them on another occasion at the request of the Committee of Westchester. By the first of those we conceive we have done what was necessary to support in a friendly manner, that Honor and independency with respect to every particular Colony, which we think necessary not only for our internal security, but also for maintaining our proper weight as a Colony, in the Scale of Continental Union. By the other we show our readiness to receive any assistance from our neighbors when properly afforded on requisition, and suitably to acknowledge such assistance.

You will observe Gent" that to prevent those jealousies which the introduction of parties of armed men from any neighboring Colony, unless properly requested will naturally beget, We give his Honor, the Gov" of Connecticut notice that we intend to apply to the Continental Congress, for a regulation on that head. Such a Regulation we think necessary for supporting the cause of Liberty, and to prevent its enemies from improving the want of security arising from Inroads by our neighbours to the prejudice of the Common Interest. We therefore request your endeavours to procure such a regulation by Authority of the Continental Congress. And are Gent" With Great Respect Your most Obd' Serv'". By Order.

To The New York Delegates in Continental Congress.

Return of Officers for the North End of Salem.

[Military Returns, 27: 245.]

To the Chearman of the Committee of the County of Westchester.

Whereas Sum of the officers of the Company of the Militia for the North End of Salem Did not take their Commission and this may Certifie that we the Subscribers attended S^d^ Company on the 27th Day of November Last in order to Choose officers according to orders of the Congress and they made Choice of Jesse Trusdell, Cap^t^; Ezekiel Hawley, 1 Lieut; Solomon Close, Jun" 2 Lieut; Elijah Dean, Ensign.

The affair of that Beet hath already Suffered by Reason of not having proper officers in that place we theirfore Desire you to use your utmost that Commissions be had as soon as posable these from your humble Servants Dated in Salem the 18th Day of December, 1775.

THADDEUS CRANE, } *Committee.*
SOLOMON CLOSE, J^R^ }

Committee of New York City to the Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 31: 229.]

Committee Chamber, New York, Dec" 1775.

John Blackler having been confined for some time at the Upper Barracks, was this Evening Examined before this Board. It appeared by his Confession that he had been several weeks on Board the Asia Man of War; That his intention was to procure a passage to Boston, & from thence to England; & for that purpose requested the assistance of Governour Tryon. That he did not intend to Enter in the Ministerial Army, unless he could get the office he formerly had (a Lieut.) which was a Thousand to one against him, that upon the whole his intention was to go to England, by the way of Boston, as he could not readily get one from this place. That he did not desire a Comms" in the Army (meaning the Ministerial Army) That he took refuge on board the Asia to Avoid being taken & confined for Debt.

The Committee taking into consideration M" Blacklers Case, Are of Opinion,

that the Law pass[d] by the late provincial Congress for this Colony, does not authorise this Board to determine thereon. The Question being then put, whether Blackler be remanded to the Guard House, & a State of his Case be Represented to the Provincial Congress? Carried Unanimously in the Affirmative.

By order of the Committee,

JN° BROOME, Ch. *P. T.*

Captain Nordberg to the Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 31: 15.]

The most respectable Gentlemen Provincial Congress in New York.

I beg leave to represent to the most respectable Congress this circumstance.

I am a native of Sweden, and have been persecuted for that, I have been against the French faction there.

I have been in His Britanick Majesty's service since January 1758.

I have been twice shot through my body here last war in America, and I am now 65 years old reduced of age, woonds, and gravels, which may be seen by Doctor Jones[s] certificate. 1773 I got permission in Jamaica to go to London where I petition to be an Invalid officer, but as a foreigner, I could not enjoy a Commission in England or Ereland. His Majesty was grasiously pleased to give me the allowance for Fort George 7 Shilling Sterling per day, with liberty to live where I pleased in America, because the Fort has been abandoned this 8 year and only 2 men remain there for to assist any Express going between New York and Canada I arrived here in New York last year in September with intention to live in New York, as I heard nothing els then disharmony amongst Gentlemen which was not agreeable to my age, I resolved to go to Fort George and live there in a little Cottage as an Hermit, where I was very happy for 6 Months.

The 12 of May last M[r] Romans came and took possession of Fort George. M[r] Romans, behaved very genteel and Civil to me. I told that I did not belong to the army, and I may be considered as halfpay officer or invalid, and convinced him that I was pleaged with Gravell. M[r] Romans give me his passport to go to New Lebanon for to recover my health, and he told me that in regard to my age, I may go where I pleased.

As I can't sell any bill for my subsistance and I can't live upon wind and weather, I therefore beg and implore the most respectable Congress permission to go to England, and I intend to go to my native Country, I could have gone away Secret so well as some others have done, but I will not upon any account do such thing. I hope the most respectable will not do partialy to refuse me, because Major Etherington, Captain Brown, Captain Kelly, which is in the Army have been permitted to go to England, and it may happen they return here again on Actual Service, which old age and infirmities render me incapable off.

As it is the costom among the Christian nations and the Turks, that they give subsistance to every Prisoner according to their rank, Should the most respectable Congress have any Claims upon me to be a prisoner here, I hope they will give me my Subsistance from the 12 May last, according to my Rank as Captain, I imploro the favour of the most respectable Congress answer.

I have the honour to remain with great respect Gentlemen, your most obed[t] Servant

JOHN NORDBERG.

New York, Decemb[r] 1775.

15 Dec. 1775, Permitted to go Great Britain.

Petition of John Marks.

[Petitions, 31: 31.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress:

Your Petitioner humbly Desires to be imployed in that usfull and much needfull Business of Nail making and as your petitioner has followed that business formally

he hopes to give satisfaction to the publick and as the foresaid artikle will be much wanted in the spring he would set the business up immediately that the Publick might be punctually served in such usfull articles.

And whereas it will be nesecery to have a good Quantity of Iron and Coll which if not purchashed soon will render your petitioner unable to carry on the foresaid business, he having a family of seven children and having for some time past followed the Ship Smith Branch which is now at a stand, and as he is possessed of Tools and fires for eight men to work by which he will endeavour to get to the imploy if not he will take boys and teach them which will be of great service to the Publick.

Your pettetioner Humbly prayeth the Honourable the Congress will take to consideration and allow him a little forehand cash to enable him to cary on the work and what work he gives in weekly will pay a moiety towards the advance money and the work dun at the lowest prices, if The above is agreeable and meets with acceptence your Pettetioner will for ever pray

December, 1775. JOHN MARKS.

Committee of Mamacatting to their Delegates in Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 250.]

Mamacotting Precinct, December the 22nd 1775.

Gentlemen, Whereas, there has been communications granted by the Committee of Safety for the Province of New York for officers of the North east division of the precinct of Mamacotting; Which officers were not legally chosen, and in order to have that affair Rectified we apply to you, being both of our Delegates in Provincial Congress.

In a letter directed to us by Coll Jacob Hornbeck, Dated Oct 19, 1775, we were informed that there was a Return made the 19th of August last, Signed John Young Chairman, of John Crage Capt. John Graham 1st Lieut. John McKinster 2d Do. John McCrary Ensign, which return we testify to be a Counterfit, and was Countermanded in a letter by us directed to Coll Hornbeck, who was then one of our Delegates, dated October the 26th 1775 and the officers legally elected or chosen, were returned in said letter Viz: John Craig Capt. Manuel Gunsalis 1st Lieut. William Rose 2d Do. Isaac Rosa Ensign. Whereas this mistake created a great uneasiness in the Company, we request the favor of you or either of you for to explain the affair to Congress and have it Rectefyed.

As for John Craig, as he was legally chosen Capt. he has signed the Declaration; so we conclude there will be no need of another Commission for him; But refer it entirely to your better Judgment.

Gentlemen your Speedy Compliance with our requst will greatly oblige your Humble Servts By order of the Committee.

JOHN YOUNG, Chairman.

P. S. Whereas there is a Return made to us of the officers elected for the Coshecton Company, we Return them to you, in order to grant them commissions, viz Bazaleel Tyler, Jur Capt. Nathaniel Reves, 1stLieut. Moses Thomas 2d Do. Nathan Mitchell, Ensign.

To Andries DeWitt & Samuel Brewster both Delegates in Provintial Congress.

Colonel Hasbrouck to the President of Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Ret. 26: 87.]

To the Honourable Nathaniel Woodhull President of the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Pursuant to the Orders of the Congress to the Regiment under my Command to be in readiness upon any proper alarm and have appointed the Place of General Rendezvous to be at Mr. Martin Wygant in New Burgh Precinct.

I am with due obedience to the Honourable Congress, Sr Your Humble Servt

New Burgh, Dec. 18th 1775. JONATHAN HASBROUCK.

Dr. Graham to John McKesson.

[Military Returns, 27: 248.]

VERY DEAR SIR—if you hant sent the Commissions for Captain Anthony Miller Lieutenant Nicholas Fisher & Lieutenant John Crumton all of the White Plains & the Manor of Scarsdale the County of West Chester under the Command of Col Thomas Thomas, Please to send them to me by the Bearer hereof & and you will greatly oblige Dear Sir Your Very Humb Serv ROBT GRAHAM.

WHITE PLAINS, Decemr 21st 1775.

N. B. the company is made up out of White Plains and the Manor of Scarsdale it is a Militia Company.

1776. January 19th

I hereby certify that as one of the Committee of West Chester County I superintended the Election of the above named Officers that they were duly chosen. & that the two Committee men superintended each of the Elections.

[Commissions issued Jan. 19, 1776. MICAH TOWNSEND.

Ordnance for Quebec.

[Associations, 30: 347.]

The Number and Size of the Cannon sent to Quebeck were as follows, viz:

Four 32 Pounders, }
One 24 do } 14 Pieces in all with Carriages and Appartus.
Nine 18 do }

Compleat with 150 Round to Each Gun. Some Small Articles excepted.

S. BADLAM, Comdr of Artilery.

Information of Captain Jenkins.

[Associations, 30: 452.]

Capt Jenkins, Master. 25th May left New York in Ship Elizabeth. owned by Thomas Ludlow, who went as Supercargo loaded down with Provisions, Pork, Bread, and Flour—unloaded at Trepasse in New-found-land. That Ludlow ordered him to Quebec—where he proceeded—that he [Jenkins] left ye Vessel at Quebec, that Ludlow told him he was a going to take in Cattle for the west-Indies. He procured a Passage with Norman Morrison to Seabrook—came from thence to New York in a two Mast Boat, arrived here yesterday [27th instant]—that two Vessels that went to Quebec for Provisions—went back in Ballast—that Bread and Flour was 5 Dollars p Cwt at New-found-land.

Depositions of John and Petrus Cooper.

[Misc. Pap. 39: 638.]

John Cooper being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that a certain James Rogers, (Brother to Coll Rogers) administered an Oath of Allegiance to the King, & Oath of Secrecy to the Deponent: said Rogers said he had a paper sent by Gen. How, Gov. Tryon and Sir John Johnston, in which was their names, and copies of the Oaths he took from the People.

That he does not know —— Huitson, had heard by flying report that Huitson was to be a Colonel in the new raised or raising Levies—that he had impowered a certain Johannis Meesic to Inlist men—does not know where Rogers is, but that he went from the Manor downwards to New York.

Petrus Cooper being duly Sworn deposeth and saith.

That he was Sworn in the same manner as his Brother John Cooper, and by the same person.

Return of Officers of the South or 4th Huntingdon Company.

[Military Returns, 27: 230.]

HUNTINGTON, Jan^{y} 3^{d} 1776.

SIR: We do hereby certify that on the third day of Jan^{y} 1776, upon due notification the South Company in the Township of Huntington, did meet for the Purpose of chosing their Officers when the following Gentlemen were duly elected according to the Resolves of Congress upon that Head in the presence of us, the subscribers being a sub committee appointed to superintend said election viz: John Buffet, Captain; Isaac Thompson, first Lieut.; Zebulon Ketcham, second do; and Joseph Ketcham, Ensign.

THO^{s} WICKES,
JESSE BRUSH,
Sub Committee.

Petition of George Coffin.

[Petitions, 32: 296.]

To the Honorable the Congress of the Colony of New York:

The Petition of George Coffin, of the Island of Nantuckit, Humbly Sheweth:

That your Petitioner (as well as his neighbours of said Island) being in great want of the common necessaries of life, did, in conjunction with M^{r} Abraham H. Van Vleet, of the city of New York, load a vessel in said city with Provisions, for the Island above mentioned, in direct Violation of a Resolve of the Honorable the Continental Congress. And altho' the said provisions were Bona Fide intended for said Island, and there landed, agreable to the express orders of the said A. H. Van Vleck, which orders were "*to go out by the Hook & carefully avoid all men of war & Tenders*," & which were punctually complied with by your Petitioner. Yet as loading & carrying the said Provisions was contrary to the aforesaid Resolve, as also to the intention of your Honorable House, & the sentiments of the good people of this Colony & America in general, your Petitioner is truly sensible of his crime in so doing, & sincerely promises not to act or do any thing in future in violation of the said Resolve, or any Resolves of their or your Honorable Houses, & humbly asks the pardon of all his Countrymen for this his first offense which he hopes may be granted, and that he may be restored to their former favor again, & have liberty to pass unmolested about his employm^{t} And your petitioner will ever pray.

GEORGE COFFIN.

January 3^{d} 1776.

Associators, Queens County.

[Associations, &c., 30: 214.]

We the Subscribers do most Solemnly declare that the claims of the British Parliament to bind at their discretion the People of the united Colonies in America in all cases whatsoever are in our opinions absurd unjust and tyrannical and that the hostile attempt of their Fleets and armies to enforce submission to those wicked and ridiculous Claims ought to be resisted by arms. And therefore we do engage and associate under all the ties which we respectively hold sacred to defend by arms these united Colonies against the said hostile attempts agreeable to such Laws or Regulations as our Representatives the Congresses or future General Assemblies of this Colony have or shall for that Purpose make and establish.

Richard Smith,
Daniel Smith,
his
Jacob x Lambertson
mark
William McCoun,
John Campbel,
Benjamin Pettit,
Wil^{m} Hanna,
Stephen Reeves,
Thomas Byron,
John Fleet,
Nathaniel Smith,
John Carman,
Elijah Rainer,
Joseph Dorlon,
his
Andrew x Allen,
mark
Joseph Bedell,
Peter Wheeler.

(Indorsed) 1776.

Petition of Thomas Place.

[Petitions, 32: 294.]

To the Honorable Committee of Safety of the Colony of New York.

The petition of Thomas Place of Queens County on Long Island Most Humbly sheweth.

That your petitioner by the persuasion of those whom he looked upon to be his friends voted against provincial Delegates in the last Election held in Queen's County for which he is extremely sorry and sincerely repents of his conduct.

That your petitioner without giving himself time to reflect upon the ill consequences of opposing the choice of provincial Delegates (the choosing of which he is now well convinced was Highly necessary for the preservation of the liberties and properties of the inhabitants of America) was by the Artful insinuations of designing men led to oppose the election. That your petitioner is a sincere friend to the Liberties of America and would go as far as any man in the defence of those Liberties; your petitioner therefore most Humbly prays That this Honorable committee would be pleased to take his case into consideration and restore him to the Good opinion of those who are friends to the liberties of this continent by declaring to the world that your petitioner is extremely contrite for his late conduct in opposing the choice of provincial delegates which your petitioner candidly acknowledges was occasioned by the Artful persuasion of others, and not from a principle of opposition in your petitioner or do such other things in the premises as to this Honorable committee shall seem meet for the Restoration of your petitioner to the favor of his countrymen. THO^{S} PLACE.

New York, Jan^{ry} 3rd 1776.

The several petitions of Thomas Place & Gabriel Vaneott of Queens County were presented and read.

Upon due consideration of the submission tendered by the said petitioner and well knowing that the late resolves of the Congress against the delinquents of Queens county were intended to convince them of their demerits, and bring them to a just sense of their Duty to the public. It is hereby

Ordered that the said petitioners be restored to the state and condition they were before the passing of these resolves during their Respective Good behavior.

January 4, 1776.

Bill of Lading of the Sloop Joseph.

[Petitions, 32: 55.]

Shipped in good order and well conditioned by Sam^{l} & Cha^{s} Massey & Jo^{s} Wood in and upon the good sloop Called the Joseph whereof is master for this present Voyage William Raddon and now riding at anchor in the River Delaware and bound for Georgia To say Two hundred ninety five Barrels of Flour seventy Barrels of Bread Twenty Boxes of soap Tenn Boxes of Candles One Box of Chocolate one Hh^{d} of Cheese one Hh^{d} of Loaf Sugar & twelve cask of Porter On Acc^{t} & Risque of y^{e} shippers & consigned to Joseph Wood Jun^{r} Merchant On Board Being marked & numbered as in the margin and are to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned at the aforesaid Port of Georgia (the Danger of the seas only excepted) unto Joseph Wood Jun^{r} or to his assigns he or they paying Freight for the said goods Four Pounds Tenn shillings per tonn with Primage and Average accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or purser of the said sloop hath affirmed to two Bills of Lading all of this Tenor and date the one of which Two Bills being accomplished the other to stand void.

Dated in Philadelphia Jan^{y} 5th 1776. WM BRANDON.

M & W	1a	295	is Bar^{ls} Flour,	M & W	1	10	Do of candles,
do	1a	70	Do Bread,	do	1		Hh^{d} of Cheese,
do	1	20	Boxes of soap,		1		Do Loaf sugar.
do	1	1	Do of chocolate,		12		Casks of Porter.

Examination of Allen Cameron and Alexander Bell.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 42.]

Allen Cameron one of the men taken in returning from the Transport ship, says he saw Jn° Douglass & Laughlen M^cDonald on board that he saw nothing unloading from on board the sloup but wood that he believes there are ab^t 40 men on board the Transport many of whom appear to him to be neither Soldiers or Sailors that he went on board to demand some money from Duncan Campbell but did not get it; Campbell told him he had ordered his wife to sell of his stock of Cattle to pay his debts.

Alex Bell another prisoner taken com^g from on board the Transport came from Scotland to this Town ab^t 3 months since in the ship Packet Cap^t Dillon that after being here ab^t fortnight he went to Albany in Cap^t Dow's Sloop; lodged at Albany at M^cDonald's; has been in this Town ab^t 6 weeks and lodged at one Lintons; that he has no trade and has lived upon what little he brought with him—that he went on board the Transport this morning to go to Boston with intent to get a passage to England.

Alex Bell carried his Trunk on board the Transport to go to Boston in order to get a passage to Britain—has been in this Country two months or better, came here from England, came in the Packet Capt Dillon. That a person in Town now on board of the Transport told him he would get a passage from Boston in a Kings ship free. That the soldier who carried his effects is a prisoner who lodges at M^rs Frazers in Stone Street. That the Bill he had he was desired to deliver to the Landlord at the Inn at the sign of the Marquis of Granby; that he rec^d that Bill from a Gentleman in Green Cloaths in the Transport. That he has been up above Albany at Duncans—had leave to draw on John M^cIntyre a Grocer in the Strand in London —was only once in the Transport.

Field Officers of Orange County Minute Men.

[Military Returns, 27: 252.]

At a meating of the County Committee of the County of Orang, the Committee Taken in Consideration the Appointment of the Feald Officers of the Minet Men and Conceave that the Former appointment Was not Legal, Do Recommend the Following Persons as Propper men and Request the Provencial Congress to send the Commissions, by the Bairer M^r John Carpenter.

Isaac Nicoll, Corll of Goshen,
Gilbert Cooper, Lieu^t Corll of Harvistraw,
Hendreck Vanderlinder Verbryck First Mager from Tappan,
Hezekial Howell Juner, second mager of Blooming Grove,
Ebenezor Woodhell, Agitant of Blooming Grove,
Nehemiah Carpintor, Quarter Master of Goshen.

Sined by Order of the Committee.

ELIHU MARVIN, *Chairman.*

Directed To the Honorable the President of the provincial Congress, New York.

[Commissions issued and dated Jannary 5^th 1776.]

James Gray to Sir John Johnson.

[Mil. Com. 25: 620.]

Dr. Sir: The bearer Lewis Grant (a good soldier) wants a gun, and I wish you had a thousand such men. Capt. Barrington arrival hinders my writing upon particulars. He mentioned some News my Good S^r when you can get any News,

honer me with your Remarks upon them. I beg my humble Respects to the Ladies and am Sir & have the honer to be Dr Sr your most obedient Humble Servt

Hermitage 7 Janr 1775-6. JAMES GRAY.

Sr John send me 3 or 4 sheets of paper.

To Sir John Johnson.

A true Copy of a Letter found by Colo Dayton among Sir John Johnson's papers.

JER. V. RENSSELAER.

Committee of Westchester County to the N. Y. Committee of Safety.

[Military Committee, 25: 622.]

White Plains, 8th Janry, 1776.

Sir: The Committee of West Chester County having seen in the public prints that many of the Inhabitants of Queens County are thrown out of the Protection of the Provincial Congress; and having been informed that they are Arming in their Defence, are greatly alarmed at their Conduct, and beg leave to assure your honorable House, that the Friends of Liberty in this County are willing strenously to exert themselves to reduce the Enemies to their Country before they are supported by the Regular Troops If it shall be thought most advisable by the Committee of Safety, or the Provincial or Continental Congress. We are Sir Your most Humble Servants By Order of ye Committee

WM MILLER, D. Chairman.

To Mr. Pierre Van Cortlandt, President of the Committee of Safety

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Return of Militia Officers in Harrison's Precinct, West Chester County.

[Military Returns, 27: 236.]

Janr 10th 1776.

We whose names are hereto subscribed two of the Committee of west Chester County, do hereby Certify that we were personal present at an Election for Offieers in Harrisons precinct on or about the 10th Janr 1776 and that upon such Election John Thomas, Minor was Chosen Captn & Gilbert Dusenberry 1st Lieut. Wm Woodward 2d Lieut. James Miller Junr Ensign. Certifyed by us

ROBT GRAHAM,
JOHN THOMAS, Junr

Prisoners in Upper Barrack Guard, New York.

[Military Returns 27: 248.]

January 13, 1776.

Prisoners Names.	*Regt.*	*Company.*	*Confined by*	*Crimes.*	*Night.*	*Day.*
Wm. Wayman,	"	Discharged,	Committee,	Crime not given.	Conf'd	Confined.
John Blackler,	"	" "	do	" " "	37	37
Bob Symons,	"	" "	do	" " "	32	32
Lawrence Hartwick,	"	" "	do	" " "	10	10
Aaron Betts,	"	" "	do	" " "	3	2
Thomas Servine,	"	Discharged,	do	" " "	1	1
George May,	"	Capt. Mentborns, Beat	Capt Menthorn,	Neglect of Duty	1	1
Francis McDonald,	"	Capt. Anthony, Do	Capt. Anthony,	Do Do	1	1
John May, late of ye	4th	Capt. Wincoop,	Capt. Ledyard,	Going on Board the Asia. Discharge in a few hours by a Sub-committee.		
Webb	"	a Cartman,	Corp'l. of ye Guard,	Insulting a Centinal. Do		

Centinals by day, 3; Centinals by night, 3; Corp'l on Guard, 1; Privates on Guard, 9.

Gen. Washington to Col. McDougall.

[Mil. Com. 25: 666.]

Cambridge, 13th January, 1776.

Sir: I received your favor of the 2d inst Last evening, & note what you mention of the Cannon.

I am in daily expectation of Colonel Knox's arrivall and untill he comes I cannot with certainty inform you whether I shall want the Iron Cannon or not.

Upon examination of the stores that were on Board the Brigte I find, we stand in

great need of shells, and shall esteem it a particular favor if you will imediately on receipt hereoff forward the 1100 specifyed at the foot of your Letter.

I am told that there is a vessel arrived with you, that brought twenty ton of Powder. I need not inform you, the great necessity I am in for that article, if it is true that this quantity is arrived, it would be of infinite service, to the great cause we are engaged in, that the whole, or such part thereof, as can be spared, was sent with the utmost dispatch to this Camp—if it belongs to private persons, I request you will purchase it, if to the publick, your exerting your influence with the Committee of Safety, to effect this good purpose, will very much oblige

Your Most H Servant,

Colonel ALEX: M^cDOUGALL. G^o WASHINGTON.

Robert Yates to Jonathan Hampton.

[Mil. Com. 25: 618.]

NEW YORK, January 15th 1776.

D^r SIR: You have by M Christopher Duykink, Eighteen Quarter Casks of Powder, Containing large weight, 450 lb to pay some powder we had last Summer, of the Committees of Brunswick & Elizabeth Town & Wood Bridge, for the Continental Army, which I pray you to take in charge, and cause the payment to be made to those committees, and give M^r Duykink a receipt for the Powder.

I am Dear Sir in Haste Your Humble Servant,

R. YATES, *Chn.*

To JONATHAN HAMPTON, ESQR., Chairman of the Committee for Elizabeth town.

Petition of Jacob Mott and others.

[Miscel. Papers 30: 168.]

To the honourable Committee of Safety of the Colony of New York:

The Petition of Capt^n Jacob Mott, Jackson Mott and Seaman Weeks of Queens County on Long-Island. Most humbly Sheweth.

That we your Petitioners by the persuasion of those whom we look^d upon to be our friends, voted against Provincial Delegates in the Late Election held in Queens County, for which we are Extreamly Sorry, and Sincerely Repent of our Conduct.

That we your petitioners without giving ourselves time to reflect upon the ill Consequences of Opposing the Choice of Provencial Delegates (the Choosing of which we are now well Convinced was highly necessary, for the preservation of American Liberty) was by the artfull Insinuation of designing Men led to Oppose the Election.

We your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that this Hon^ble Committee will be pleas^d to take our Case into Consideration & restore us to the Good Opinion of those who are friends to the Libertyes of this Continent by Declaring to the World that we your Petitioners are Extreamly Contrite for our late Conduct, in Opposing the Choice of Provencial Delegates, and to do such other things in the Premises as to this Honourable Committee shall seem meet, for the restoration of your Petitioners to the favour of our Countrymen.

Witness our Hands,

JACOB MOTT,
JACKSON MOTT,
SEAMAN WEEKES.

Endorsed Jan^y 16, 1775, [1776.]

Committee of Safety to Col. Isaac Nicoll.

[Miscel. Papers, 39: 367.]

[Jany 16, 1776.]

SIR: We enclose you a certified copy of an Order of the Continental Congress so plain that it can't be misunderstood.

You will please to take all the minute men into the fortifications if the Barracks & accommadations will admit of it. Keep none on Billet. Send home such as cannot

be kept in the Fort. Please to exert yourself to keep your men in the best order and under the best government and regulations & pray do not let them be departing from the post and neglecting their Duty.

Report of Committee.

The Committee conceive that it will tend to the greater security of The Fortifications at the High Land, & the better Government & Discipline of the minute Companies who Garrison the said Fortifications, to appoint a Field Officer of the minute men to take the Command of the said Fortifications, and the Committee having great Confidence in the prudence, courage & activity of Co^{l} Isaac Nicoll think him a proper person to take the Command there.

Therefore Ordered that the said Colonel Isaac Nicoll take the Command at the said Fortifications until he shall be relieved by a Continental officer or further order.

Petition of Town Major Leary.

[Mil. Com. 25: 610.]

To the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New York:

The Memorial of William Leary, Town Major, Humbly Sheweth, that since he has had the Honor of filling the Station he now holds by virtue of his appointment, he studiously endeavoured to preserve the Peace, good Order and well being of the City as much as was in his power—That for that purpose he has carefully attended the regular appointment of the nightly Guard according to the Instructions of the General Committee.

And this memorialist further showeth, that since his said appointment he has found the utmost remissness in Duty; and the greatest disrespectfulness towards Officers from Soldiers of the respective Beats; that he has repeatedly complained of Same to no Effect; that the few independent Companies which have been raised in this City have showed upon many occasions the greatest cheerfulness to render any assistance to their suffering Country; but that at present he observes a great Delinquency, *even in them.*

And this Memorialist further sheweth, that upon regular Complaint being made to the Field Officers of said Companies, they unanimously assign the following Reason for the Same. That they have been, and ever will be willing and ready to do their Part of their respective Duties; but the men, over whom they have Command, too justly assert, that good Nature is imposed upon; that the more they do, the more seems to be required at their Hands; that their Interest and Families have already suffered by their persisting in their former assiduity and they are fearful that Necessity will at length compel them to desist, unless their Fellow Citizens will step forth and aid them in the common cause.

And the Memorialist further sheweth, that the danger to which this City is nightly exposed, not only from the attacks of External and internal Enemies, but from the Malice and intemperance of any Individual who mounts Guard he has thought it his indispensable duty to lay before this Committee particular threats which he has heard from some individuals of those unruly Guards, who he has reason to believe wanted nothing but an opportunity of putting the same into execution "such as firing upon his Majesty's ships now in the Harbour," an act that must unavoidably bring unspeakable Distress upon the Inhabitants of this City.

The Countersign has been divulged, and those who were appointed as guardians of our Safety have exposed us to the greatest dangers from the Common Enemy:—He therefore humbly prays that this Committee will take the matter under their serious consideration, for if long neglected he is fully convinced a sufficient number will soon be wanting to do the Duty (tho even so badly) of this City.

W^{M} LEARY, *Town Major.*

New York, Jan^{y} 16th, 1776.

Declaration Signed by Sundry Inhabitants of Queens County, New York.

[American Archives, 4th series, 4: 858.]

January 19, 1776.

Whereas, we the subscribers, inhabitants of Queens County, on Long Island, in the Province of New York, have given great uneasiness to the good people of the neighboring Provinces and the Continent in general, by our not choosing a Committee agreeable to the orders of the Continental Congress, by our not paying that attention to the directions of our Provincial Congress, which we ought to have done, and by our opposing the General Instructions of the Continental Congress in almost all our conduct and actions. Therefore, (in order to relieve the minds of the virtuous inhabitants of America, and those of this County in particular, engaged in the common cause,) we, the subscribers, do most solemnly and sincerely promise, that we will, hereafter, in all cases, implicitly obey all orders and instructions enjoined on us by our Provincial and Continental Congresses,—that we will act in conjunction with the inhabitants of this and the neighbouring Provinces, in the defence of American liberty,—that we never will take up arms against the Americans,—and that we will not, directly or indirectly, countenance, aid, assist, or by any means join with, any of his Majesty's troops in the present contest between Great Britain and America. Given under our hands this 19th day of January, 1776:

Rulef Duryc,
Luke Noostrand,
Jonathan Rowland,
Edward Willett,
Wm Wilson,
Jacamiah Valentine,
Samuel Birdsall,
Townshend Jackson,
Thomas Seaman,
Thomas Jackson,
Sam'l Carman,
Jacob Jackson,
Thomas Tredwell,
Andrew Allen,
Richard Matthews,
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Silvester Bedell,
John Smith, *Rock.*
Anthony Rhodes,
Stephen Clement,
John Carman,
William Thurston,
Francis Davenport,
Samuel Davenport,
Jacob Stringham,
Samuel Denton,
Richard Smith,
Edward Spragg,
John Birdsall,
Nehemiah Collins,
Peter Jones,
Joshua Smith,
Samuel Seaman,
Timothy Cornell,
Amadis Rhoads,
Leffert Lefferts,
Solomon Pool,
Peter Rierson,
Israel Seamans,
Stephen Callas,
Oliver Birdsall,
Parmenas Jackson,
George Rierson,
Martin Rierson,
Ludlum Smith,
Joshua Mills,
Peter Nostrand,
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Joseph Gaulder,
Wm. Goder,
Isaac Bennett,
Obadiah Mills,
Luke Burgen,
Obadiah Hinchman,
Lawrence Fish,
Joshua Birdsall,
John Pratt,
John Duryee,
John Haviland,
Thomas Birdsall,
Thomas Cornell,
Thomas Coombes,
Samuel Smith,
Peter Bond,
John Combs,
John Higby,
Timothy Flower,
Abraham Demott,
James Baldwin,
Pelham Sands,
Nicholas Ludlum,
Johannis Covert,
Thomas Featherby,
Hend. Hendrickson,
Daniel Hendrickson,
Henry Walters,
Wm. Covert,
Stephen Powell,
C. Carman,
Richard Green,
Benj. ———,
Benj. Dalon,
Zebulon Smith,
Amos Powell,
Wm. Pigeon,
James Burtis,
Luke Elder,
Nathaniel Coombes,
Daniel Murray,
Hezekiah Pearsall,
Jonah Valentine,
Wm. Smith, *Rock.*
James Smith, *Rock.*
James Pine,
Samuel Carman,
John Ramson,
Obadiah Smith,
James Verity,
Samuel Pettit,
Isaac Snedicker,
Silvanus Bedell,
John Ellsworth,
George Weekes,
Daniel Pine,
James Whaley,
Benjamin Tredwell,
Cornelius Miller,
John Southard,
John Holmes,
Wm. Landdon,
John Titus,
David Bedell,
Joseph Goulder,
Solomon Symons,

John Seaman,
Jacob Bedell,
Samuel Wood,
Samuel Mott,
Charles Cornell,
Joel Rayner,
Benj Smith,
John Marvin,
Elijah Rainer,
Philip Thorne,
Jacob Rayner,
Jacob Lamberson,
Tunis Burgen,
Nicholas Vanarsdalen,
John Vanlau,
Isaac Amberman,
Matthias Lamberson,
Nicholas Amberman,
Aris Remson,
John Bennet,
Simon Lambertson,
John Nostrandt,
Isaac Amberman, Jr.
John Remson,
Rem Remson,
Nicholas Lamberson,
John Lamberson, Sr.
John Lamberson, Jr.
Joseph Field,
John Willett,
Joost Van Brunt,
John Dunbar,
Nathaniel Townsend,
Wm. Cornell,
Joseph Dunbar,
Cornelius Rapilje,
Hugh Holmes,
Elias Dorlin,
Isaac Rapilje,
John Suydam,
Christopher Remsen,
Benj. Hegeman,
Solomon Southard,
Johannes Van Cots, Jr.
Zebulon Seaman,
Thomas Seaman,
Wm. Spragg,
Sylvanus Beagle,
John Mott,
John Spragg,
James Birdsall,
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Elijah Wood,
Samuel Carman,
Elijah Barton,
John Raner,
Benj. Smith,
David Ludlow,

Joseph Oldfield,
Samuel Coombes,
John Thurston,
Michael Demott,
Peter Losee,
Ezekiel Matthews,
Rock Smyth,
Aaron Vanostrand,
Valentine H. Peters,
Carman Rushmore,
Christian Snedicker,
Wm. Millar,
Benj. Hewlett,
James Southard,
Richard Brewer,
Israel Carman,
Amos Smith,
Samuel Place,
Pearson Langdon,
Archibald Langdon,
Elijah Cornell,
Daniel Abrahams,
Elijah Smith,
Joseph Rainer,
Cornelius Jackson,
Jacob Doxsee,
James Verity,
Wm. Golder,
Samuel Jackson,
Moses Cornelius,
Wm. Van Nostrandt,
Aaron Van Nostrandt,
Abra. Van Nostrandt,
Thomas Peters, Jr.
Josiah Latten,
Joseph Bedell,
Symonds Verity,
Daniel Smith, *Rock.*
Samuel Stringham,
Richard Wiggins,
Flower Hulse,
Michael Golder,
Wm. Stiles,
Jacob Peterson,
James Eldred,
Wm. Williams,
Michael Burns,
Benj. Reyner,
Cornelius Hartt,
Charles Hicks,
Wm. Curtis,
Benj. Burtis,
Isaac Denton,
Samuel Langdon,
Joseph Birdsall,
John Jackson,
Israel Rogers,
David Jackson,

Benj. Hewlett,
Joseph Hewlett,
George Hewlett,
Joseph Kissam,
Henry Jackson,
Thomas Hutchins,
Wm. Johnson,
Samuel Johnson,
Jeremiah Hutching,
Derrick Berger,
Wm. Shatford,
Hope Mills,
Samuel Van Wyck,
John Hewlett,
Joseph Dodge,
Robert Sutton,
Isaac Pettit,
Joseph Thorne,
Thomas Southard,
Samuel Doty,
Jonathan Cornelius,
A. Seabury,
Elijah Spragg,
Sylvester Cornell,
Uriah Bedell,
Jacob Golder,
Abel Southard,
Joseph Dorlan,
Richard Gildersleave,
Caleb Southard,
Abijah Bedell,
Benj. Wiggins,
Amos Rainer,
Irael Elderd,
Uriah Platt,
Jonathan Serrin,
Wm. Cornwell,
Wm. Rushmore,
John Rushmore,
Abraham Wattson,
George Duryee,
Thomas Ellison,
John Cock,
Thomas Woolley,
Doremus Bedell,
Philip Woolley,
Joseph Ludlam,
Henry Ludlam,
Wm. Ludlam,
John Weeks,
Benj. Downing,
James Place,
Robert Jackson,
Isaac Seaman,
Henry Ludlam, Jr.
Isaac Latten,
Albert Van Nostrandt,
Nicholas Schenck,

Simon Losee,
Wm. Wilson,
Jacob Bedell,
Richard Mayson,
J. Van Nostrandt,
John Waters,
Daniel Youngs,
John Van Nostrandt,
Cornelius Hoogland,
Thomas Younge,
Robert Allen,
John Van Cott,
Jacob Bond,
George Brinkerhoff,
Richard Burgan,
Peter Burgan,
James Marr,
Joseph Hall, Jr.
Nehemiah Summis,
John Simonson,
Lewis Davenport,
John Doty,
Timothy Titus,
Absalom Townsend,
Wm. Hoogland,
Jonathan Gorham,
Stephen Robbins,
Nicholas Van Cott,
Jacob Rhinehart,
Wm. McConn,
John Hughes,
James Beal,
James Walters,
John Weekes,
Hubert Coles,
Wm. Frost,
James Carpenter,
Thomas Ripp,
Darius Allen,
Michael Weekes,
John Allen,
Baruch Allen,
Robert Lawrence,
D. Lawrence,
Henry Higbie,
Thomas Thorn,
Isaac Ditmars,
Nathaniel Sigler,
Hendrick Emmons,
William ———,
David Colden,
Jabez Woodruff,
Thomas Willett,
Phillip Platt,
Nicholas Townsend,
Gilbert Snedicker,
Douwe Ditmars,
Paul Amerman,

John Polhemus,
John Wiggins,
Wm. Valentine,
Rem Remsen,
John Remsen,
George Fives,
Jacob Dean,
John Foster,
Aury Burom,
Stephen Higbie,
Daniel Remsen,
Whitehead Field,
Thomas Hallett,
Douw Van Dine,
Henry Woolley,
John Amberman,
John Underhill,
Wm. Hall,
John Tredwell,
Wm. Cock,
Joseph Hall,
Samuel Tredwell,
James Smith,
John Hauxhurst,
Stephen Cock,
Levi Cock,
George Rhoades,
Thomas Cock,
Barent Snedicker,
Samuel Carman,
Benj. Lester,
Joseph Pettit,
Benj. Waters,
Samuel Pettit,
Daniel Whitehead,
Benj. Dulin,
Daniel Hewlett,
Theodorus Van Wyck,
Gilbert McConn,
Daniel Noorstrandt,
Isaac Remsen,
Abraham Remsen,
Thomas Dorland,
Benj. Tredwell,
Thomas Smith, Jr.
Isaac Smith,
David Peterson,
Richard Townsend,
Richard Smith,
Benejah Bedle,
Peter Titus, Jr.
Benj. Smith,
Harvey Colwell,
Obadiah Lawrence,
Daniel Albertson,
Joseph Weekes,
Townsend Weekes,
Caleb Underhill,

Solomon Powell,
Baruch Underhill,
Daniel Allen,
David Youngs, Jr.
George Weekes, Jr.
Edmund Weekes, Jr.
John Legross,
David Corseboom,
Daniel Van Velser,
Robert Valentine,
Adrian Schenck,
John Fleet,
Thomas Fleet,
John Boerum,
John Hewlett,
Samuel Weekes,
Garrit Noorstrandt,
John Schenck,
Peter Scott,
Augustin M^{c}Coun,
Justus M^{c}Coun,
Samuel Townsend,
Peter Warnal, Sr.
Stephen Hendrickson,
Daniel Kirby,
Tunis Van Cott,
James Van Valsen,
Simon Hauxhurst,
John Sands, Jr.
Thomas Hendrickson,
Peter Mills,
Charles Willett,
John Snedicker,
Garret Dorland,
Elbert Hoagland,
Johannes Snedeker,
William Pitt,
Penn Weekes,
Obadiah Valentine,
John Talman,
John Martin,
John Hegman,
Tunis Covert,
Cornelius Rierson,
Wm. Monfort,
Felix Fowler,
Jonathan Fish,
Samuel Mills,
Jacob Adriance,
Elbert Adriance,
Isaac Raynor,
Preotus M^{c}Coun,
Peter Underhill,
Richard MacCoun,
Casper Spring Steen,
Martin Rapelye,
Jacobus Riker, [luctance).
Sam'l Moore, (and with re-

Oath Subscribed by Sundry Inhabitants of Queens County, New York.

JAMAICA, LONG ISLAND, January 19, 1776.

We, the subscribers, in the presence of Almighty God, do most solemnly and sincerely swear, that the fire-arms, side-arms, powder and lead, we respectively delivered up to Colonel Heard, and his party, or by them taken from us, are all the fire-arms, side-arms, powder and lead, that belong to us, or that are in our possession or power; and that we have not destroyed, concealed, or otherwise disposed of, any of our said arms or ammunition, in order to evade or obstruct the execution of Colonel Heard's orders from the Continental Congress, for disarming the inhabitants of Queens County, on Long Island, who are disaffected to the opposition now making in America against ministerial tyranny.

[Signed by all of the above persons.]

Bond of Samuel Clowes and John Polhemus.

We, Samuel Clowes and John Polhemus, do acknowledge ourselves to be indebted to Colonel Nathaniel Heard, in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, New York money, to be paid to the said Nathaniel Heard, his executors, administrators or assigns, and for the payment thereof, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, and our heirs, firmly by these presents, to the said Nathaniel Heard, Sealed with our seals, dated this 29th day of January, 1776.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above-said Samuel Clowes shall, and do surrender himself up to the said Nathaniel Heard, at Jamaica, in Queens County, on Tuesday, the 30th inst., then the above obligation to be void otherwise in full force.

S. CLOWES, [Seal.]
JOHN POLHEMUS, [Seal.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of,
AZ. DUNHAM,
JOHN KISSAM.

Minutes of Ulster County Committee, with return of Field Officers.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 227.]

NEW PALTZ, 19th Janr 1776.

Notice having been given by the Chairman of Ulster County to the Committee thereof to meet this Day at the House of Mrs. Ann Dubois in Consequence of which the following members appeared:

For Kingston.
Coll. Andries De Witt, Junr
Mr Abraham J. Delamatar,
Mr Jacobus Van Gaasbeek,
Mr Johannis Minderse.

Hurley.
Johannis Hardenbergh, Esqr
Mr Hubert Ostrander.

Mamacotting.
Mr. Isaac Van Tile,
Mr William Roos.

Shawangunk.
Jacobus Bruyn,
Maj. Johannis Jansen.

Walkill.

New Windsor.
Col. James McCloghrey,
Mr Robert Boyd.

Marbletown.
Col. Levi Pawling,
Maj. Johannis Cantine.

Rochester.
Col. Jacob Hornbeek,
Cap. Peter Schoonmaker.

New Paltz.
Mr Elias Hardenbergh,
Mr Daniel Le Fever.

Hanover.
Mr James Rea,
Mr David Jaggers.

New Burgh.
Capt. John Belknap,
Dr Moses Higby.

New Marlborough.
Capt Bodewin Terpenning,
Mr. Elijah Lewis.

A sufficient number of the members then appeared to proceed on Business, Mr. Bruyn took the Chair and appointed Johannis Bruyn to serve as Clerk.

A Letter from the Honorable the Provincial Congress of New York dated the 22d December 1775* being produced, and Read the said Congress thereby recommending this Committee to use their best Endeavours to Settle all Disputes and

* Journal N. Y. Congress, I. 232.

Difficulties about the Field Officers of the Northern Regiment of Ulster County in the most amicable manner And to recommend such Gentlemen to said Congress or their Committee of Safety for Field Officers of that Regiment as would be most fit to do the Duty to each of them respectively belonging and be most acceptable to the Inhabitants and Militia to be under their Command.

This Committee having taken into consideration the matter therein recommended with the Letters thereby referred Came to a Vote and by the majority of Voices, Ordered the following Persons to be recommended for the above purpose Viz: *Mr. Abraham Hasbrouck*, for Colonel, *Mr. Johannis Snyder*, Lieut. Colonel, *Jonathan Elmendorph* and *Adrian Wynkoop*, Esq[r] Majors, *Abraham A. Hasbrouck*, Adjutant and *John Van Duersen*, Jun[r] for Quarter Master And that the Chairman Transmit a Copy hereof to the Provincial Congress of New York.

A true Copy taken from the Minutes.

J. BRUYN,
Chairman of y[e] County Com[te]

Petition of John Brickell.

[Petitions, 32: 232.]

To the Honorable the Delegates of the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

Gentlemen: As this Colony has vested you with Legislative power, and you are the only parents to whom we as children look up for justice and Protection: I hope the application of an innocent suffering individual and a stranger, will not be considered as impertinent or treated with neglect.

On Wednesday the 12[th] instant, being abroad about my lawful business, some wicked persons taking advantage of the public disturbances, and of the opportunity which a number of soldiers and others being in the house where I lodge gave them, forced themselves into my chamber, and broke open my chest and cloths press, and robbed me of my linnen apparel and other things to the value of Ninety or one Hundred dollars—a loss, which in my present circumstances being at a distance from my friends, and having no means of obtaining a supply, is particularly grievous.

Now, gentlemen, have incontestible evidence that I have always spoken and acted as became a Friend to America since the commencement of this unhappy dispute with Great Britain, I am induced to hope you will take my misfortune into consideration and afford me such relief as may be consistent with the public Honour and Justice. I am, Gentlemen, your most ob[t] serv[t]

JOHN BRICKELL.

I the subscriber do certify that I have known John Brickell to speak and act since the commencement of our troubles as became a friend to American Liberty.

ROBERT HARPUR, Dept[y] Chairman.

[New York, 20[th] Jan[y] 1776.]

Committee of Safety to Messrs. Hallet and Imlay.

[Mil. Com. 25: 626.]

In Committee of Safety, New York, Jan[y] 21[st] 1776.

Sir: Thro' the misfortunes and indisposition of sundry members we are very few in number; we have only eight members when all met who are in the Town or can be collected.

We have had more cases than one in which we should have tho't it our Duty to have spared a member from the Committee for Important matters at some Distance if our number would have admitted us so to do.

Thus situated we think it our Duty to request you to come to New York and attend the Committee as soon as the situation of your health will admit.

M[r] Joseph Hallet.

Committee of Safety to Lord Stirling.

[Mil. Com. 25: 51.]

In Committee of Safety, New York,
Sunday Evening 8 o'clock Jan^{y} 21st 1776.

My Lord: By the Seizure of a man bro't up from the Hook by one of our Pilots from on Board a Transport we this instant have learned her being in a distressed Condition, and waiting there for direction and assistance from this Port. She has been out 13 weeks, destined for the Head Quarters of the Ministerial Troops, so that if she receives relief she will doubtless proceed for Boston. She is deeply laden with all kind of stores for the army. Our intelligence is from Letters found on the prisoner directed to certain persons under fictitious directions which were intended to be conveyed by him on board of the men of War. It would greatly serve the public cause could she be seized. There are the most evident reasons why we in New York ought not in point of prudence to do it, we have two ships of war lying here and our exports as yet happily uninterrupted by them. This Discovery cannot be kept long a secret and we deem it our duty to submit this case to your immediate attention.

Should it be known to the ships of war they will doubtless send down their Boats, which consideration has induced us by express to furnish you with this opportunity of serving the Public. The above reasons point out the propriety of keeping the source of your information a secret and to this end we beg you will destroy this as soon as read.

We are my Lord with great respect Your Lordship's most Ob^{t} Serv^{ts}.

By Order of the Committee.

P. S. She is a ship between three and four hundred Tons, a Galley built ship without a head, has yellow sides, Blue Quarter Boards, with the Trophies of War printed on the Quarter boards. She has six Three Pounders on her Quarter Deck. She has it is tho't a quantity of ammunition on board. She has about twenty hands and lies hovering off and on without the Hook and will not leave that station until she receives Intelligence from there. Cap^{t} W^{m} Rogers the bearer of this will be a proper person to take the direction of the undertaking.

The Right Hon^{ble} The Earl of Sterling.

Dr. Curtis to M^{r} M^{c}Kesson.

[Military Committee, 25: 628]

Doctor Curtis's Compliments await M^{r} M^{c} Kesson and would be much obliged to him if he would inform the Honorable the Convention that he has left the Chirurgical Instruments and remaining medicines belonging to this State in the Care of Major Ledyard.

Fish Kill, Jan^{y} 21st 1776.

John Graham to Colonel M^{c}Dougall.

[Petition 32: 137.]

Guard Room, 23^{d} Jan^{y} 1776.

Sir: I flatter myself you will pardon this intrusion, but hope my present unhappy situation will be sufficient Apology.

I was unfortunately cast away on the 23rd of December last on Squan Beach in the sloop Polly & Nancy which Vessel was Leadend by his Excellency Gov^{r} Tryon for Boston with sundry articles as a present to General How, and imediately was taken prisoner by order of the Committee of Freehold in Monmouth County, as I only went Passenger by permission of his Excellency in order to get my son home to N. York, think it is cruel, my state of Health at present is such that if I have not my Enlargement soon I must inevitably perish.

I now presume to beg you will be kind enough to procure me at least a hearing, your compliance will be gratefully acknowledged by

Sir your very Humble serv^{t}

JN^{o} GRAHAM.

Petition of John Blaikler.

[Petitions, 32: 240.]

GUARD HOUSE, 23 Jan'y, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: My long Confinement obliges me to beg you will let me know my doom if I have done anything deserving of Punishment let me suffer, I have now been deprived of Liberty 43 days. I was ingenious in my profession which is strictly true, every gent[n] must think it hard to be deprived of the benefit of enjoying a sufficient Competency for the remainder of his days. This is truly my situation was I but in England, as to my carracter here I hope it is beyond the reach of malice to traduce. Necessity has obliged me to take the method I did, without a thought of depriving any individual of the city of a Farthing. I never received a Remittance from Home but first I discharged my debts, which I believe my very Enemies will say my behaviour since under Confinement can be attested for by the whole Barrack.

As most of the Gentlemen on the Committee when I was first brought down knew me at the time I lived with M[r] John Arnul, and his own recommendation found in my pocket Book will I hope be a sufficient proof of my behaviour since my residence here.

I am gentlemen, your verv Humble serv[t]

JOHN BLAIKLER.

To the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety.

Robert Ogden to Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Com. 25: 631.]

GENTL[n],—Yours of yesterday directed to the Earl of Stirling Came Express, 5 o'clock, and as my Lord was set off in the morning with a party of men as supposed in order to take the Vessel and went by the way of Perth Amboy: the Committee immediately met and concluded to send three Boats with a hundred men well armed, to assist in Taking said vessel; this Resolution with the Letter from your Committee we sent Express at 7 o'clock to my Lord, and the 100 men well equipt set off in the Boats about 12 o'clock, and hope on their return will be able to give a good account of their vessel.

We are Gent[le] your very Humble Serv[ts].

By Order of the Committee

Jan[y] 23, 1776. ROBERT OGDEN *Chairman.*

Petition of David Wolhaupter.

[Petitions, 32: 236.]

To the worthy Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety in New York convened:

The petition of David Wolhaupter of the City of New York Turner Humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner well known to be a friend to the Country, & that your Petitioner during these contest, hath been ready to do duty, and is still ready to turn out at a moments call, for defending our Preveledges, & is willing to spend his life in the contest: But your Petitioner has been very ill us'd of late by those persons carrying command in the Continential service to his Damage, & the fruits of his Labour taken from him. Your Petitioner being imployed in repairing a Drum for the New England forces, last summer when they laid in camp here, & your petitioner labour amounting 24[s], and was not paid, & also by Lieutenant Johnson in the Artillery bought a Drum from your Petitioner for 55[s] for his company, & now cannot get the money for it, & now Lastly being deceiv'd and impos'd by Mr. Griffiths the Enginier whome came to your Petitioner for a Patron for Bottoms of six Pounders, and your Petitioner did procure a Patron for the use thereof, with an expectation to have part of the work to do, being promised by s[d] M[r] Griffiths to have the Number of 6,000 more or less to make, but instead, your Petitioner to

have the work to do, when Mr Griffiths received the Patron others was employed in the work, for making that number or more by your Petitioner Patron, And that your Petitioner was willing & capable as well as any person in this city, & to perform the work at a reasonable rate, as well as others that have the work, so that your Petitioner looks upon this, that he has not been treated as a Friend to the Country, But has been treated to the Contrary.

Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays that his case may be taken into serious consideration & to look upon this, that your Petitioner is entitled to the work and that your Petitioner may also be imploy'd, as the Patron aforesaid was first procurd by him, & which Patron likewise detained from him, & also that your Petitioner may be paid for his labour aforesaid.

And your Petitioner shall be Thankfull.

By your most Humble Servant & faithfull Friend to the Country

DAVID WOLTHAUPTER.

City of New York, Jany 25th, 1776.

Return of Officers of Charlotte County.

[Military Returns, 27: 206.]

At a Generall Meeting of the County Committee of Charlotte on January the 25th 1776, It was unanimously Agreed that Dr Jno Williams Be recommended to the Provincial Congress in New York for the Colonel of the first Battalion of Militia for this County. Mr Alex Campbell of Argyle Township for Lieut. Colonel, Messr Timothy Bewell of Fort Miller and Mr Alex Webster of Black Creek for Majors, Mr Jonathan Baker of Black Creek for Adjutant and Mr Samuel Fuller of Scheensburgh Quarter Master.

A true coppy From The Minuits.

ALEX WEBSTER, *Clerk.*

Precinct of Granvill.	*Black Creek Precinct.*
Capt Jost Ingles Capt	Jno Hamilton, Capt.
Gidieon Squir, 1st Lieut.	Goe McKnight, 1st Lieut.
———— ————, 2d Do.	James Wilson, 2d Do.

Blank Commission for a Capt in Argyle Township.

Officers of North Castle Company, Westchester County.

[Military Returns, 27: 234.]

We whose names are hereto subscribed three of the Committee for North Castle in Westchester County do hereby certify that we superintended an Election for Officers in the 3d Company of North Castle, and that upon such Election, *Joseph Green* was chosen Capt and *Henry Peers* 1st Lieut—and we desire (if it can be done) that two blank Commissions may be sent for the 2d Lieut and Ensign, as the 2d Lieut since the Choise declines serving. Given under our hands the 25th Jany 1775.

Certified by us,

MICHAEL HAYS,
ELIJAH MILLER,
ANDREW SNIFFEN. } *Sub-Committee.*

John Graham to the Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 139.]

Guard Room upper Barracks Jany 26th 1776.

Gentlemen, Please to Pardon my intruson of the foloing lines, as I am one of the Misfortunate a mongst man kind and my health so much empared that this close confinement I find Daily drives a naill in my coffen. I hope you will take the above into your wise consideration and set me at Liberty, or should these unhappy times

Determin it otherways if it should seam meet grant me the Parole. I am, Gentlemen, with the greatest respect your most obediant Humble servant.

JOHN GRAHAM.

P. S. I wrote a letter Dated 23rd inst to Colo Mc Dougal setting forth the Reason of my going in that Sloop that was cast away on Squam Beach New Jarses the 23rd Dec. '75: which was matters of facts which I hope is appeared before the Honrable committee.

Petition of John Fowler.

[Petitions, 32: 234.]

To the Chairman of the Honorable Committee of Safety for the Province of New York.

Honoured Sir, In doing a good-natured action to oblige one of my Customers, I have been unhappily drawn in to be suspected of being unfriendly to the Country that gave me existence, altho' what I did was without any other design than to serve my neighbour, and therefore inacent. Yet as I get my livelyhood by Keeping a Publiek House and as this matter of my haveing been suspected of being an Enemy to my Country will become Publick and spread abroad, even among my Customers and country friends, and they not Knowing my Inocence, may avoid me, and therefore it may become prejudicial to my business.

I therefore Intreat it as a favour that whenever your Honourable Board shall be fully satisfyed of my Inocence in the matter, That you will be pleased to give me such Certificate for me to publish to the World, of your being so satisfied, as shall Restore to me the good Opinion of the Publiek, at least that I may be left as I was found which would greatly obliged Honble Sir, your most Obedient and very Humble Servant JOHN FOWLER.

New York, Jany 28th 1776.

Vote of Colo Lasher's Battalion to go into the Continental Service.

[Mil. Ret., 27: 238; 25, 670.]

At a meeting of the Officers of the first Battalion of the New York Independents at the House of Capn Abraham Van Dyck on Monday the 29th of Jany 1776. It was ordered that the following Questions be put by the President (Colo Lasher being President accordingly put the same) to witt.

Whether the officers present are willing that the Battalion to which they belong engage as a Battalion in the Cause of this Country on the Terms and Conditions offered by the Committee of Safety for the Province of New York in answer to certain Questions proposed to them by a Committee of officers from the said meeting?

Upon which Question being put the members divided as follows.

For	*Against.*
Coll Lasher,	Majr Stockholm,
Majr Bowman,	Capn Van Dyck,
Capt J. Alner,	Lieut Anthony,
Lieut. H. Teibout,	Leonard,
J. Johnson,	Gilbert,
W. Willcox,	E. Brasher,
J. Baneker,	W. Livingston,
A. B. Bancker,	Herbeck,
G. Beekman,	Dickson,
J. Wiley,	Dickenson,
J. Moore,	Mensier,
J. Fortin,	Duyckinck,
N. Fish,	Van Zandt,
H. Brasher,	Yeamans,
H. Livingston.	Adjutant P. Brasher.

The names of Commissioned and non-Commissioned Officers of the First Battalion of New York who are willing to Enter in the service of their Country and likewise some of the privates which may be depended on.

Col. John Lasher,	
Major Sebastian Bauman,	
Capt. James Abner,	Prussian Blues.
Capt. Lieut. Henry Livingston,	Fuziliers.
Capt. Abraham Van Wieke,	Sportsmen.
Adjutant Philip Brasher,	
1st Lieut. Gerardus Beekman,	Sportsmen.
Do. John Wiley,	Light Infantry.
Do. John Johnson,	Rangers.
Do. Henry Tebout,	Prussian Blues.
Second Lieut. John Baneker,	Rangers.
Do. Nicholas Fish,	Fuziliers.
Do. Henry Brasher,	Prussian Blues.
Third Lieut. William Wilcocke,	Fuziliers.
Do Abraham P. Baucker,	Rangers.
Sergeant George Harsen,	Granadiers.
Do. John Vredenbergh,	Granadiers.
William Forbis,	Light horse.
Abraham Brasher,	Granadier.
David Cree,	Do.
Samuel Morlidge,	Do.
George Masavei,	Do.
Edward Dunscomb,	Fuziliers.
John Farrell,	Do.
Andrew Oughterson,	Do.
Sergeant Cornelius Becker,	Sportsmen.
Corperall Benjamen Burris,	Light infantry.
George Lucom,	Granadier.
John Waldron,	Granadier, 2d Battalion.
Joseph Fortunne,	Sergeant major.
Sergeant Frederiek Stymes,	Light infantry.
Do. Benjn Davis,	Light infantry.

Return of Officers of Haverstraw Precinct.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 222.]

Haver Straw Precinct, In Committee, January 30, 1776.

The List of the Officers and their Rank of the Battalion of Malitia of this Precinct:

Ann Hawkes Hay, Colo
Isaac Sherwood, Lieut. Colo
John Smith, Major.
John L. Smith, 2d Major.
William Ryder, Adjutant.
Garret Onderdonk, Quarter Master.

Clarks Town Company.	*Pond Company.*
Hendrek Turnure, Captain.	Arie Smith, Captain.
Walter Van Arden 1st Lieut.	Jacob Polhemus, 1st Lieut.
Thomas Blauvelt, 2d Lieut.	Walter Cure, 2d Lieut.
John Myer, Ensign.	Thunis Tolman, Junr Ensign.

King Street Company.
Jacob Onderdonk, Captain.
Resolvet Van houtin, 1st Lieut.
Andros Onderdonk, Junr 2d Lieut.
Resolvet J. Van houtin, Ensign.

Harerstraw Company.
Edward Wm Kiers, Captain.
James Rumsey, 1st Lieut.
John Gardener, 2d Lieut.
Richard Ackerson, Ensign.

New Company.
Arie Blauvelt, Captain.
——— ———, 1st Lieut.
Hendrick Astler, 2d Lieut.
Albert Smith Ensign.

Kakiate Company.
——— ———, Captain.
——— ———, 1st Lieut.
——— ———, 2d Lieut.
——— ———, Ensign.

per Order ANDRIS ONDERDONK,
Dep^{t} Chairman.

Petition of Col. Lasher's Regiment.

[Petitions, 32: 175.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York Convened in the City of New York.

The Memorial of the Subscribers being non-commissioned officers of the first Battallion of Minute-men of the City of New York in behalf of themselves and the Privates of said Battallion. Humbly Sheweth.

That the Memorialists for the defence of their invaluable Rights and Priviledges, formed themselves into different Companies under different officers, whose commands they have at all times with cheerfulness obeyed.

That sometime after they had formed themselves into different Companies, the Companies to which they severally belonged were formed into one Battallion by the style & Title of *the first Battalion* of the Independent Companies.

That after they had so formed themselves into a Battalion, Field officers were appointed. That after the appointment of Field officers, pursuant to an order or Recommendation of the Honourable the Continental Congress and of the Honourable the Provincial Convention for this Colony, they jointly and severally became *Minute Men.*

That agreeable to their orders as Minute Men, they have at all times been ready, and have actually turned out to do their duty as such both by day and night when so required to do by this Honourable Body.

That the Memorialists have been at great Expence and loss of time, in equiping themselves pursuant to the aforesaid Recommendations. That besides the loss of time the Expenses they have incur'd in the purchase of Regimentals, arms, amunition, and accouterments, is much more than their circumstances can bear.

That the Memorialists have been informed, that this Honorable Convention intend putting them on pay to do the duty of Soldiers in defending this Colony. That the Memorialists have already been at a great deal of expence and trouble in turning out as Minute-Men, for which they have not received any reward.

That the Memorialists are ready and willing to continue and remain in the service of their Country as Minute men, provided they are paid for their former services and are allowed a sufficient pay to enable them to do themselves and their country Justice, and that their duty be confined to the city and County of *New York* ONLY; many of them having Wives and Familys, who they wou'd choose to defend, together with their country, and think the proper place for them to do duty in, be this city and County *only*, where their nearest and dearest friends and relations are.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that this Honorable Body will take their Case into your most serious consideration, and enable them to receive such reward as their former services intitle them to, and also to put them on such footing, and suffer them to remain and do duty in defence of their country and of this City in particular, in this city and County *only.*

And your Memorialists as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Samuel Johnson, Adm Dolmage, Garret Kip,
Richard Tole Hazard, Stephen Smith, Yellis Mandivell Junr

Jacob Brower,	Cornelious Bicker,	Peter Myers,
Rob^{t} Barry,	Christopher Hutten,	Alex^{r} Anderson,
John Remmey,	Thomas Warner Jun^{r}	John J. Myers,
Benjamin Brown,	John Brouwer Jun^{r}	John Van Dyk,
Leonard Fisher,	Walter Moffat,	Abraham Brevorte,
Nicholas Van Antwerp,	Fred. Stymets,	John Russel,
William Ten Broeck,	Anthony Byvanck Jun^{r}	Peter Taulman,
Benj^{n} Griffith,	Benjamin Burras,	James Armitag.

New York, 30th January, 1776.

Proposal of John Griffiths.

[Petitions, 32: 194.]

As all ships of war use Iron Ballast for the several Purposes of taking but little Room, & putting them in proper Trim for engaging & sailing should such be now wanted will deliver any quantity of Pigg Iron where and when appointed in the North or Hudson's River at eight pounds p^{r} ton

Jan^{y} 30th 1776. JOHN GRIFFITHS.

Petition of Marbletown Company of Militia.

[Petitions, 32: 264.]

Marbletown, January y^{e} 30th 1776.

To the Honourable the Congress of the Colony of New York.

The Humble petition of sundry of the melitia of Marbletown in the county of Ulster Sheweth,

That some time past they were formed into a Company consisting of about one hundred men and pursuant to the resolves of the Congress, Chose their officers of which Cornelius E. Weynkoop was Captain, who accordingly had their Commissions from the Honourable Congress. That since their being Commissioned, The said Captain hath been promoted to be a major, by which there is now a vacancy of the Captains post in this Company, That since that vacancy happened we have requested election to fill up said Vacancy; but the Committee of Marbletown have denied us the priviledge of voting in a captain and appointed three of the Committee of Marbletown to advertize and call the Company together, which accordingly was done and requested the opinion of the Company in this manner, To witt: that if the majority of the Company was for chosing an Ensign and the subaltering officers to be preferred they would allow Election for an Ensign, but if the majority was for Chosing a New Captain then to allow them No Election and requested their opinion in this manner whether they chose a New Ensign and the Subaltering officers preferred or wether they chose a new Captain and the Majority was for a New Captain 59 to 20. we therefore pray the directions of this house therein and we as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c

John Hasbrouck,	Silvester Van De Merck,	Frederick Keyzer,
Jacobus Rosa,	John Beaty,	Johannis Bartlefolk,
Moses Terwilliger,	Cornelius Van den Merck,	Thomas Cainer,
John Keater,	John Van den Merck,	Jacob Sielie,
Cornelius Van der Merck,	Solomon Van den Merck,	Anderies Keyzer,
Severyne Hasbrouck,	petrus Smith,	Petrus Van Leuven,
Johannis Smith,	John Van Vliet,	William Johnson,
Jacob Keater,	Casparis Shurtur,	Dirick Bush,
William Keater,	Anderies Davis,	Tunis Rosa,
Cornelius Connewey,	Allick M^{c}Ginnis,	Dirick Shyter,
Jonas Smith,	William M^{c}Ginnis,	Daniel Van Leuven,
Hugh Rass,	William Benson,	Johannis Keater, Jun^{r}
John Phinlison,	Alexander Munro,	John Ennis,

Solomon Johnson,
Samuel Paine,
Samuel Gibson,
William Dunlop,
Jacobus Conner,
John Conner,
William Conner,
William Hardly,
Martin Bogard,
Petrus Smith, Jun^{r}
Abraham Rosa,
Josep Clarwater,
Frederick Clarwater,
Thomas Clarwater,
Isaac Clarwater,
Daniel Clarwater,
Jacob Clarwater,
Cornelius Ceyzer,
Hans Shyter,
Joseph Keyzer,
Gysbert Rosa,
John franciska,
Anderies fiere,
John Van Wagenen,
Martin Middagh,
Johannis Middagh,
George Middagh,
Abraham Middagh,
Robert Beatty.

Petition of Frederick Hartell.

[Petitions, 32: 272.]

To the worthy gentlemen of the Congress, &c., &c., &c.

The petition of Frederick Hartil Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner hath been many years in the King of Hungary's service as a captain & Lieutenant, sold out in the Month of May 1755, and was in several field Battles, afterwards entered in the English Royal American Service as a non commissioned officer on condition of being prefer'd, and after the Siege at Havanna the Regiment was broke, and hath ever since followed the Tobacconist business in the city of New York.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly pray as I am ready and willing to serve in my former Calling for the good of American Liberty to place me into Some Station and give me a birth that you Worthy Gentlemen shall think proper after being examined. And your petitioner shall ever pray.

January 31, 1776. FREDRIK HARTELL.

Application of John Wylley.

[Petitions, 32: 274.]

Gentlemen: If you think me worthy of a cap^{ts} Commition I would be willing to engage in the Service of my country.

January 31, 1776. JOHN WYLLEY.

To the Provincial Congress.

Officers of Hanover Company, Ulster County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 45.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Hanover Precinct at the house of Stephanas Christon, Friday the 29th of December 1775.

Arthur Parks Chosen Chairman.

Resolved: That Henry Smith and Samuel Barkly do attend the Election of Officers in the Company formerly Commanded by Cap^{t} Colden (who had Declined Serving) On Friday the fifth Day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the house of James Rea.

And they attended according to the above Resolve when the Company Elected James Milligan Captain, John Hunter first Lieut., Mathew Hunter, second Lieut., and Robert Burns Ensign, agreeable to the Resolves of the provincial Congress.

January 31st, 1776. ARTHUR PARKS, *D. Chairman.*

Notes of a Conference with Committee of Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Com. 25: 650.]

Chairman. That their answer to the order of the Committee occasioned this Conference—we think it inconvenient that Troops should come in without consent—unless under their direction.

An: That they were sent by Congress to consult with Gen[l] Lee and this Committee in pursuance of having received from Gen[l] Lee a copy of the Letter of this Committee. That Congress were before unacquainted with the matter.

That they were sent at the request of the Deputies of this Colony—That the Troops coming into Town to-night and something about stores were the reasons for sending for them.

Scott—We will always obey the orders of Congress.

1[st] But the Duty and Dignity due to our Constituents forbid the Introduction of Troops without our consent.

2[d] It is our duty to guard ag[t] Trouble and Inconveniencies.

We are supprised that Troops should come in contrary to Gen[l] Lees promises.

We apprehend great Difficulties—Gen[l] Lee indisposed—we can't trust every man at the head of Troops.

Tyrany from every Quarter is equal.

The Committee produced their Credentials which give them the Command.

February 1, 1776.

Election of Officers in Captain James Wessells' Company, 3d N. Y. Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 256.]

Electors.	*First Lieut.*	*Second Lieut.*	*Ensign.*
And. Vanorden,	Isaac Johnson,	John Lynerd,	Geo. Quedore.
Roolif Vanhouten,	Do	Do	Do
C. Debevois,	Do	Do	Do
John Ogelvie,	Do	Do	Do
John Noblet,	Do	Do	Do
W[m] Ellis,	Do	Do	Do
C. Vansyle,	Do	Do	Do
John McFarlin,	Do	Do	Do
John Hitchcock,	Do	Do	Do
Jacob Stynman,	Do	C. Vansyle,	Do
Albartus Tiebout,	Do	J. Lynard,	Do
John M[c] Clocklin,	Do	Do	Do
Rich[d] Sandford,	Do	Do	Do
James Love,	Do	Do	Do
Tho[s] Wilks,	Do	Do	Do
Abr. Storm,	Do	Do	Do
Dan[l] Carey,	Do	Do	Do
Hugh Ross,	Do	Do	Do
W[m] Coltman,	Do	Do	Do
Casper Lot,	Do	Do	Do
Joseph De Voe,	Do	Do	Do
George Quedor,	Do	Do	Do
Banca Savages,	Do	Do	Do
Christopher Garman,	Do	Do	Do
Jacob Hoffman,	Do	Do	Do
W[m] Pouwell,	Do	C. Vansele,	Do
Richard Taylor,	Do	John Lynard,	Do
W[m] Day,	Do	Do	Do
Henry Moore,	Do	Do	Do
Abraham Lamater,	Do	Do	George Quedore.

These are to Certify that we attended an Election at the Lower Barracks for Officers in Cap^{t} James Wessels Company in the 3^{d} Regiment and that on the Close of the poll there was a Mejority in favor of Isaac Johnson as first Lieu^{t} John Lyner second Do and George Quedore Ensign.

Feb. 1, 1776.

AB^{M} P. LOTT,
PETER CURTENIUS.

[Commissions issued 21st Feb., 1776.]

Applications of Daniel Pelton and Samuel Young.

[Petitions, 32: 222, 224.]

Daniel Pelton offers himself to the approbation of the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety for the Province of New York, to serve as a Lieutenant in the troops to be raised under their Direction.

New York, February 2nd 1775 [*sic.*]

Samuel Young offers himself to the approbation of the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety for the province of New York, to serve as a Second Lieutenant in the Troops to be raised under their Direction.

New York, February 2nd 1776.

N. B. or ensign.

For Lieutenant Colonel Brasher.

Petition of John Graham.

[Petitions, 32: 216.]

Upper Barrick, Feb^{y} 3^{d}, 1776.

Gentlemen—I hope you Please to excuse me for giving the Honarible Committee so much trouble but as I have bin in close confinement for sixteen Days and has already acquainted the Honourable House with my Reasons of leving this Town in a letter dated the 23^{d} of Jan^{ry} and that I never have bin heard by any Body of men nither at Freehold in the Jerseys ware I was first made Prisoner the 29 of Dec^{r} 1775 nor here, I beg leave Gentlemen to say that I think it very cruil as I have never sen a Presodent of the kind eving in the most Inviterate War with the French to keep a Prisoner in close confinement for a crime of my nature if it can be cold one, I can furder say that I have bin an Inhabitant here for this six years & upwards and my Prinsople never was to Inger nither Country or Town but rather to sarve them. In the first place I made my self under an obligasion to borrow two guns of Colo James of the Royall Artilery to Teach Cap^{n} Sam Tuders Comp^{y} as well as others in this City I believe did show them the nature of Proving of Guns, and did myself Prove the first Brass 6 pounder you now have mounted as well did attend and give Directions how to finish the Cariges with no other view than sarving my country. now Gentlemen I shal beg leve you will be pleased to hear me or set me at liberty as an other Inhabitant.

I am Gentlemen, with the gratest respect your very humble servant

JNO GRAHAM.

Applications of Joseph Marschalk and Jacob Reed.

[Petitions, 32: 214, 220.]

New York, Feb 6th 1776.

Gentlemen—As there are a number of Commissions to be given out to the Continental Army, I would humbly beg to offer myself as a Captain or first Lieutenant in one of the Company's to be Raised, and am with Esteem, Gentlemen, your most obed^{t} Serv^{t}

JOSEPH MARSCHALK.

Jacob Reed, Junr is desirous of entering the service of his country. Would be particularly obliged to Col[l] Brasher in Interesting for him, as he thinks himsef capable, would wish for a Lientenasey, but rather than fail would accept of a second.

6th February, 1776.

To Col[l] Brasher Present.

Return of Officers of the first Regiment of Cumberland County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 192.]

COMMITTE OF SAFETY FOR THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND,
GUILFORD, Feby 6th 1776.

To the Honourable Provincial Congress and the deligated Powers thereof.

In Complyance to your order to us Directed Dated January the forth and good Instructions for order and Peace to gether with Regulations of the Militia and By order of this Committee we have send you a List of all the officers that are Returned at this Time and they are as follows Viz:

At a Legal Meeting For The Town of Guilford Chose
Messrs Stephen Shepardson, Captain.
David Stowel, 1st Lieut.
Timothy Root, 2 Lieut.
Dillington Johnston, Ensn

At a Legal Meeting For The Town of Brattleborough Chose
Messrs John Serjeant, Captain.
Oliver Cook, first Lieut.
Timothy Church, 2 Lieut.
John Elexander, Ensign.

At a Legal Meeting For The Town of fullam Chose
Mr Jonathan Knight, Capt
Mr Josiah Boyden, first Lieut.
Mr Daniel Karthan, 2 Lieut
Mr Shepard Gaites, Ensn

At a Legal Meeting For The Town of Westminster Chose
Messrs John Anwell, Capt
Jabez Perry, first Lieut
Ezeriah Wright, 2 Lieut
William Crook, Ensign.

At a Legal Meeting For The Town of Putney Chose
Messrs Abijah Mores, Capt
Daniel Jewet, first Lieut
Ephraim Clay, 2 Lieut
Ephraim Pieree, Ensn

For the Town of Hallifax Chose
Mr David Rich, Capt
Mr Benjamin Henry, first Lieut.
Mr Robert Patterson, 2 Lieut.
Mr Edward Harris, Ensn

With Submission we would Inform your Honours that the Regt of the Towns have not Made their Returns to this Committee and that there may be a Settlement of the Militia at this time we Humbly desire that our Deputy Major William Williams as he is our Mouth to you may be trusted with the Blanks to fill up such other Commissions as have not Returned their names as Major Williams is acquainted with the Difficulty of the Season and Distance of the way from the Scattering Towns in the Wilderness here if it May Please your Honrs we shall Receive it with Thankfulness with the other favors we have Received from you we with the greatest Respect Remain your Most obedient Humble Servants.

By order of the Committee,
BENJAMIN CARPENTER, *Chairman.*

To the Honourable Provincial Congress at the City of New York.

Applications of William Alex^r Forbes and James Barrit.

[Petitions, 32: 212, 228.]

To the Hon^l the Provincial Congress.

Gentemen, your Petitioner having understood that several Battalions are to be Raised in Defence of our inestimable rights and Liberties, and being duly sensiable of the Justness of the cause in which we are all embark'd, Humbly beg leave to offer himself to serve in one of said Battalions, he flatters himself his Conduct hitherto as an officer, will recommend him to the Hon^l Board he boasts he could fill the commission of a Captainey with that truly patriotic spirit, becoming an American Soldier.

Your petitioner therefore Humbly prays the Hon^l Gentlemen will take it into their serious consideration, & remains with the utmost respect Gent^n Your very Humble Servt, WILLIAM ALEX^R FORBES.

New York, Feb 6^th 1776.

To the Honorable Provincial Convention.

Gentlemen, I would think it an Honour to enter into the Continental Service to defend the Just Rights & priviledges of my country if your Honours should think proper to accept of me as a Lieutenant.

Your Honours most Humble Ser^vt
JAMES BARRIT.

New York, 7 February, 1776.

Return of Officers of the 5^th Company in Huntington.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 232.]

S^r M^r Stephen Keleey and M^r Ebinezer Platt Two of the Committey of this townd was opointed to inspect the Election of the officers at Cowharbour and returned the following Gentlemen as duely Elected viz: Platt Veale, Cap^t Michal Heart, first Lieut.; Isaac Dennis, Second Lieut.; Jacob Conkling, Ensign.

For the Fifth Company please to send the Commissions as they are much Wanted.

I am S^r your Humble Ser^t

To M^r Thomas Treadwell. Feb^y 7^th 1776. GILBERT POTTER.

[Commissions issued Feb. 8, 1776.]

Committee of Goshen to the N. Y. Provincial Congress

[Mil. Ret. 27: 77.]

Committee Chamber, Goshen Precinct, 7^th February 1776.

Gentlemen: This Committee taking into Consideration the Situation of the Regiment of this Precinct Consisting of Eleven Companies, under the Command of Col^o William Allison Esq^r do Conceive it to be Inconvenient for the Inhabitants, to Continue in one body together in obedience to a Certain Resolve of the Hon^bl Continental Congress in that Case made & provided.

1^st *Resolved* that the Said Regiment be divided into Two Regiments Distinguished by the names of (Goshen) (Florida & Warwick).

2 *Resolved* that this Committee do Nominate and Recommend, *Doc^r Benj^n Thurston* Lieut Col^l, and *Moses Hatfield* first Major & *John Decker* second Major for the Regiment of Goshen.

3^rd *Resolved*, that this Committee do Nominate *John Hathorn* Col^l, *Charles Bradeley* Lieut Col^l, *Henry Winer* 3^d first Major, *John Popus* 2^d Major, *Daniel Finch* Adjutant, & *Jeremiah Curtis* Quarter Master for the Regiment of Florida & Warwick.

4^th *Resolved*, that the Chairman of this Committee do as soon as Convenient make a Report of this proceeding to the Hon^be the provincial Congress of New York, and pray their approbation thereto.

Agreeable to the Said 4th Resolve I have made a Return and hope you may approve threof and Issue Commissions to the above named persons in their Different departments.

By order of Committee,

Attest: JOHN HATHORN, *Chairman.*

The President of the Honb the Provincial Congress of New York.

[Commissions issued Feb. 28, 1776.]

Petition of Margaret Graham.

[Petitions, 32: 190.]

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety for the city of New York.

The humble Petition of Margaret Graham of the said city Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioners Husband now lies a prisoner in the Barracks of this City afflicted with a most inveterate indisposition of Body, add to this his being surrounded with a part of his Honor General Lee's Troops. Your Honors well know his situation renders him obnoxious to severe and sharp invectives from them. What from his Company, and from his weakly and disorder'd habit of Body he is now brought to a truly deplorable state, to a state of the most striking and poignant despondency! His indisposition of Body can be evinced to your Honor's by Doctor Willm Brownjohn if necessary. Indeed his case is truly affecting! His life is now almost insupportable to him! I daily convey provision to him, but am prohibited from any conference with him; however I sometimes break thro' bounds impelled by Conjugal affection, and endeavor to soothe his affliction. But alas! Tis all in vain! He raises his head, views me with wild anxiety, with horror and despair imprinted on his face! I am order'd away severely reprimanded, my Heart rent with anguish to see the partner of my life reduced to—good God I can't describe to what. I want words. Sorrow drowns me!—Your honors in alleviating the distress which now invelops my poor emaciated Husband and myself, by either ordering him to be removed to the Common Jail of this city; or admitting him to Bail will ever have the prayers of a distress'd Woman; the plaudets of all the Great & Good; the admiration of the human, and the approbation of the Just God, who delighteth in mercy. I can assure your honor's that if my poor Husband is not soon reliev'd from his complicated calamities, he cannot in my opinion survive many days. In such case your Petitioner would be miserable beyond description. Your Honors in taking the premises into consideration, and granting the prayer of your Petitioner will lay your Petitioner and her poor Husband under the greatest of obligations possible. And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

MARGARET GRAHAM.

New York, February 7th 1776.

[Discharged on the 10th February, 1776.]

Petition of John Pell.

[Petitions, 32: 310.]

To the Honnorable the Provintional Congress for the City & Province of New York: Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has been under the necessity of removing his family (of which he has a large one) out of this city at this critical Juncture; That his wife is in a poor State of Helth and cannot Dispence with his Presence as she is uncapable to Provide for herself and Family amongst Stranger without your Petitioner. This is therfore to beg of this Honble Bord that they will Permitt their Petitioner to take with him a small Parcell of Salt which he has on hand about 3 or 400 bush. as it will be attinded with grate inconvenience and expence to your Petitioner to attend the sale of so Incosiderable a Quantity of Salt your petitioner having no other Business in this City at present. JOHN PELL.

New York, Feby 7th 1776.

Application of Colonel Samuel Avery.

[Petitions, 32: 206.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York now Convened.

GENTLEMEN: The Dispute between the Mother Country (or rather the Ministry) and these devoted Colonys has arisen to such a heighth of Desperation, that I conceive every person is loudly called upon to stand forth and exert themselves in the defence of their country and the general cause of Mankind.

And having understood that there is four Battallions to be Immediately raised in this Province to act as occation may require for the General safety and Preservation of the united Colonys and being desirous to Join with my friend brethren and felow Country men in the defence of the Liberties and Priviledges of this once happy Land, On which I conceive much depends the fate of our once boasted Constitution and the English Empire.

Therefore when an arangement of officers for the aforesaid Battallions shall be made by your Honourable House, I should be glad to be appointed a Lieutenant Col[l] of one of those Battallions if you shall Judge me a fit person for the office. You may be assured I do not want zeal in the cause of the Colony's, and I flatter myself I do not want capacity. But for Courage which is a very material matter, I cannot Promise, But am willing to try.

I am, Gentlemen, with the Greatest respect, Your mos[t] obedient and very Humble servant, SAMUEL AVERY.

NEW YORK Feby 8[th] 1776.

Colonel Heyer, &c., to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 210.]

NEW YORK Feb 8, 1776.

Mess[rs] John Wiley, John Van Winckle, John Sanford & James Barrett, all of the Second Independ[t] Battalion represent to us, that they are desirious to enter in the Continental Service provided they are appointed to one company, which the will engage to Raise. M[r] Wiley is a Lieutenant the others Serjeants & in their several stations they have discovered military abilitys; Zeal for the Cause of Liberty & on every occassion such prudent & becoming conduct, as Justifys our Recommending them, according to the above request. And we are of Opinion that if the Congress think proper to employ them they will render ample Satisfaction.

WM HEYER, Col[l]
CHRIST. BANCKER, L[t] Col.
WM MALCOM, Maj[r] 2[nd] Bat[t]
ISAAC STOUTENBURGH, 2[nd] Major of 2[nd] Batt.
GEORGE LINDSAY, Capt.
Left[ts] { JONATHAN BLAKE,
JOHN STAGG.

To the Hnble the Provincial Congress, or whom it may concern.

Recommendation of John Burnett for a Commission.

[Petitions, 32: 179.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York.

GENTLEMEN: The bearer hereof M[r] John Burnett being desireous of raising a Company in the standing army to be raised in the Province for the ensuing season, And has applyed to us for a Recommendation to the Honoble House, in order that he may obtain a warrant for enlisting his men, M[r] Burnett being a gentleman with whome we are fully acquainted and Knowing him to be well disposed to the Liberties of his Country, and otherwise a person under a good charracter and having had

conciderable experience in the service the last war, we therefore Recommend him for or as fit a person as we Know of at present in this County to have the command of a Company and make no doubt his interest is very good for enlisting Men We must therefore begg you will indulge him with a warrant for that purpose.

We are very respectfully Gentlemen your most humble Servants,

Dated at NEW BURGH, In Ulster county 9th February 1776.

THOS PALMER,
SAMLL BREWSTER.

Robert Yates to Colonel Drake.

[Mil. Commit., 25: 658.]

NEW YORK, Feb'y 9th 1776.

SIR: You will see by the enclosed Resolution that Major General Lee now at New York is authorized to call in as many of the minute men of this Colony as he may think necessary.

I am directed by the General to have some Regiments of minute men called here directly.

Your Regiment is fixed on by the Committee of Safety of this Colony as proper to be called.

You are therefore on receipt hereof to march with your Regiment to New York with all possible dispatch. Take care that your men have their knapsacks and Blankets with them & provisiens for their march.—The Quartermaster ought by all means to come with the Regiment.

It is not doubted but you will give orders that your Troops observe the greatest regularity in their march, and if you order the several Companies to proceed each other a few miles in their march they will be more easily accommodated.

Suffer no Delay in bringing in your Regiment.

I am respectfully Sir your very humble servt

R. YATES, *Ch.*

P. S.—It is expected that Colo Drake will leave a sufficient Guard of his Regiment at the Cannon beyond Kings Bridge.—He will be a proper judge how many may be necessary for that small service.

Application of William Myer.

[Petitions, 32: 230.]

NEW YORK, February 10, 1776.

GENTLEMAN: I am desirous of serving my native country in the provincial Army as a lieutenant. I shall use my utmost endeavours to discharge the dutys of my office, I am perfectly acquainted with all the military maneuvers, having been 4 years in an Independent Company.

I am Gentelmn your most hble Servt

WILLIAM MYER.
Living in Dock street New York.

To the Honble provincial Congress, New York.

State of the 2d Regiment of Militia in Suffolk County, 10th February, 1776.

[Mil. Ret. 27 : 164.]

David Mulford Esqr *Colonel,*
Jonathan Hedges, Esqr *Lieut. Colonel,*
Uriah Rogers, 1st *Major,*
George Herrick, 2d *Major.*

Officers Names.	Captains.	Lieut.	Ensign.	Sergeant.	Drums.	Fifes.	Rank & File.
David Howell,	1	2	1	4	1	1	92
John Dayton,	1	2	1	4	1	1	92
David Pierson,	1	2	1	4	1	1	60
David Fithian,	1	2	1	4	1	1	124
Stephen Howell,	1	2	1	4	1	1	50
William Rogers,	1	2	1	4	1	1	62
Josiah Howell,	1	2	1	4	1	1	54
Samuel L. Hommedien,	1	2	1	4	1	1	78
John Sandford,	1	2	1	4	1	1	58
	9	18	9	36	9	9	670

Samuel Pierson, *Sergeant Major,* John Gelston, *Adjut,*
Elias Mathews, *Drum Major,* Phinehas Howell, *Quarter Master.*

DAVID MULFORD, 1st Colle

Petition of Sundry Tories of Queens County

[Petitions, 32 : 89.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York convened in the city of New York.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of Queens County on Nassau Island Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners have been obliged to attend the Honorable Continental Congress at Philadelphia in obedience to an order from that Body as verbally delivered by Colonel Herd. That they have been a great expence in their journey to and from Philadelphia, and are now confined in this city at their own expence, and denied the pleasure of visiting their families. That when they left their several homes to attend the Honorable the Continental Congress they were admitted to go and return to this Congress on parole of Honor.

That they are ready and willing to pledge their Honors to observe such orders as this honorable Body shall direct respecting their appearance provided they are admitted to go at large or if Bail should be required, they are ready and willing to give such reasonable security as to this Honorable Body shall seem meet for their appearance when required.

The Petitioners therefore humbly pray that this Honorable Body will give them such Relief in the premises as to them shall seem meet and the petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

John Willett,	Nathaniel Moore,	Charles Hicks,
Benjn Whitehead,	John Polhamus,	Samuel Hallet,
Thomas Smith,	Wm Waynman,	Jno Shoals,
Daniel Kissam,	John Townsend,	David Brooks,
Gilbert Van Wyck,	Joseph French,	Samuel Martin.

New York, 12th Feb. 1776.

Robert R. Randall to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32 : 204.]

New York, Feb. 12th 1776.

Gentn : Understanding that there is to be raised in this Province some Battalions and being desirous of serving my much injured Country in a military capacity (tho totally unacquainted with any of its branches) induces me to offer myself as a candidate for a company in the 1st Battn in expectation that the Field officers will be

men of *Ability* and equal to the important charge of conducting a Regiment in the Cabinet as well as in the Feild and doubt not but that such an appointment will be made as will do honor to the Province as well as effectually to serve our *Just Cause*.

I am Gent[n] Yours to Serve,

ROB[T] R. RANDALL.

To the Hon[ble] Provincial Congress for the Province of New York.

Matthew Clarkson to John Vanderbelt.

[Petitions, 32: 202.]

Sir: Ambitious of serving my country in a military capacity shou'd be glad of an appointment to a Commission in the Battalions to be raised in this province, I am sir your very humble serv[t] MATTHEW CLARKSON.

New York, Feb[r] 12[th] 1776.

Officers of Minute Men of Saratoga.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 178.]

A Return of the officers of the Minute men for the district of Saratoga in the Connty of Albany Being duly Elected by their Company in Presence of this Committee Viz Alexander Baldwin Esq[r] Capt Samuel Bacon 1[st] Lieut Walter Hewit 2[d] Lieut Elias Palmer, Ensign.

That the above Persons may with greater Ease and facility Cary into Execution the Late Resolutions of the Continental Congress with their Conpany we Beg the favour of their Being Properly Commissioned for that purpose.

By order of the Committee.

EBEN[R] MARVIN, *Chairman.*

Saratoga 12[th] Feb[y] 1776.

To the Honourable the Provincial Convention of the Province of New York.

Application of John W. Watkins.

[Petitions, 32: 260.]

Sir,—Impressed with a sense of the obligation I lie under, of defending the Liberties of America, I would beg leave to offer my Service to the Congress requesting, I might be appointed to some Commission (as the House might think fitting) in one of the new raised Battalions. And remain Sir your most obedient servant

Monday, February 12. JOHN W. WATKINS.

To the President of the Provincial Congress in New York.

Officers of Ceeacate Company.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 224.]

At a meeting of the late Cap[t] Sherwood's Company at the house of Benjamin Holstad the 12[th] Day Feb[y] 1776 in Ceeakate the following Officers was chosen for s[d] Company viz Reynard Quackenboss Capt, Garit Ellkesson 1 Lieut Jacob Jincke 2 Do Rodger Ozburn Ensign.

N. B: the above Gentlemen as Chosen under the Inspection of

JACOB COLE,
JONAH HOLSTAD,
JACOB DOWNDER,
THO[S] HOLSTAD.

A true Coppy of the Return, &c., John Coleman, *Clerk.*

Egbert Dumond to John McKesson.

[Petitions, 23: 200.]

Kingston, Feb[y] 13, 1776.

Sir, I am sorry to here of the alarm at pressent in your City, which beyond all Doubt must be the ruin of the Place, occasioned by those rascally Tories amongst us, and making know Doubt but they will receive their Just reward. You remem-

ber when I was in Congress Last summer Col° Clinton Insist on me to be Lieut Col° in his Reg^t. My business of being Sheriff would not admitting of my going, as I am determined if any offers of that kind is now offer'd I shall have no objection to go and defend the Liberties of my country, where ever they please to order me. I need not send any recommendation to the gentlemen of the Congress as most part of them is well acquainted with my abilities and my attachment to the cause of Liberty which we are now contending for, this winter being in Philadelphia was ask by some of the Delegates their, and Told them I had know objections, please to mention it to M^r Jay, and the rest of the Gentlemen of your acquaintance, and especially those of Albany Seennectenday and Tryon and Col° Ten Brock of Dutches, and shall be obliged to you for your aid in this affair provided it is Consistent with your duty, beg a few lines from you: Excuse hast.

I am D^r Sir yours &c.,

EGBERT DUMOND.

Officers of Westchester Light Horse.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 254.]

On the 13^th^ of February, 1776 The Troops of Horse in the County of Westchester was Called together at the House of Willsey Dusinberry in Harrisons Precinct and There being Present between Thirty and fourty went into an arrangement for the Choice of officers under the Inspection of Col^nl^ Thomas, Samuel Haviland and William Miller Three of the Committee where Samuel Tredwell was Unanimously chose Capt. and Thaddeus Avory was chose Leu^t^ unanimously Likewise Abraham Hatfield was Chose Corneth by a majority and Uytendall Allair was Chose Quartermaster by a majority also. Certifyed by us

THOMAS THOMAS,

[Commissions issued Feb. 21, 1776.] W^M^ MILLER.

Application of Dr. Dusenbury.

[Petitions, 32: 252.]

ORANGE COUNTY.

To the Honorable the Deputies of the Provincial Congress assembled in and for the Province of New York.

The humble petition of William Dusinburiee, Doctor of Phisic and Surgery. Sheweth,

That your petitioner hath regularly served under Doctor Peter Hugeford of Westchester County to acquire a perfect knowledge in that science and hath long practiced in that Department to the general satisfaction of his Patients and hopes by his experience and the recomendation of his Friends hereunto subscribed to be heard before the Honourable convention.

That if need be he may be appointed Doctor to serve in any one of the Battalions to be now raised within your Province and the favour shall be gratfully acknowledged by his asiduity to his Business. Your petioner therefore prays that his petition may be heard and as in duty bound he shall ever pray &c.

Feb^y^ 13^th^ 1776.

W^M^ DUSINBERRE,
GILB^T^ COOPER,
JAMES CHRISTIE,
JOHN COLEMAN,
DAVID PYE,
JOHN COE,
JONAH HOLSTED, p. order.

(Indorsed) JOHN SUFRIN, p. order.

Qu. Who will be security that he will not be intoxicated with Liquor as often as he can get it?

Return of the Troops at Present on Duty at Fort Constitution.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 656.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

Cap^{t} Samuel Raymond,	Cap^{t} Peter Hill,
Lieut. David Reynolds,	Lieut. James Latta,
Do Richard Langdon,	Do Nathan^{l} Milligan,
Ensign, Vincet Helmes,	4 Sergts.
D. Quartermaster, John Heffernan,	4 Corpls.
4 Sergt^{s}	1 Drummer,
4 Corp^{ls}	1 Fiffer,
1 Drummer,	55 Privates.
1 Fiffer,	
58 Privates.	
Cap^{t}	2 Serg^{ts}
Lieut. James Butler,	3 Corp^{ls}
Do W^{m} Barker,	1 Drummer,
Ensign, W^{m} Carpenter,	1 Fiffer,
	32 Privates.

I Hereby certify the above to be a True Return of the Troops now on Present Duty Given under my hand, ISAAC NICOLL.

Fort Constitution, Febr^{y} 13th 1776.

Petition of Geurt Sp^{t} De Wint.

[Petitions, 32: 268.]

To The Honorable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York now assembled at the city of New York.

The Humble Petition of Geurt Sp^{t} De Wint Esq^{r} of the Island of St. Thomas in the Westindies now at Orange town in the County of Orange, Sheweth:

That your Petitioner arrived here in May Last and has since that time laid out a good deal of money in the purchase of Horses, Carridges and House hold Furniture, for his and Families use, while he remained in this Province, that your Petitioner Prays your permit to carry the same to the Island of St. Thomas his Place of abode, times being bad for selling the same.

That your Petitioner prays your permition to take with him a generous suply of the goods things of this Country for his use at sea, his familie consisting of 14 in Number.

That your Petitioner has an Estate or Plantation on said Island, with a crop now standing on the Fields, which must perish, for the want of Lumber, your Petitioner therefore prays your Permit, to carry with him 10,000 staves and 5,000 Hoops for the sole use of said plantation.

That your Petitioner has on said Estate, and in his house in Town, at least 200 Negroes. They must in a short time be in the utmost distress, for the want of Provision, he therefore prays your permit, to carry with him, 100 Barrels Flour 50 Tierces Bread, 50 Barrels of Rye Flour, 10 Barrels Pork for the sole use of his Negroes and Familie.

Your Petitioner Promises (if in his power) to remit the amount of said goods, as soon as possible, in those articles Recommended, by the Continentle Congrass, as published under Date of the twenty fifth of July 1775.

Your Petitioner, makes not the least doubt of your Humaine Indulgence, in this his Petition, as he is convinced the Humanity of your Honourable Congress would not suffer the Innocent and Helpless, to remain in Distress. Any Instructions in the Sailing of the Vessel or courses you may be pleased to order him to steer, shall with the utmost punctuality be observed and your Petitioner shall for ever pray.

February 14, 1776. GEURT SP^{T} D^{E}WINT.

Petition of John De Wint.

[Petitions, 32: 270.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York now assembled at New York.

The Humble Petition of John Dewint of Orange Town and County of Orange Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has long resided in this Province and has now a large and numerous Family about him. That your Petitioner has a Plantation in the Island of St. Thomas in the Danish West indies, which has been the intire support of himself and numerous Family which cannot subsist without the Income of said Estate and whereas as thro' the prohibition of exporting Lumber his said estate must sinck this years Crop now standing on the Fields your Petitioner therefore prays your Indulgence or permission to ship for the sole use of said Estate Ten thousand Staves and Five Thousand Hoops.

That your Petitioner has on said Plantation one hundred and sixty Negroes whose support entirely depend on provision from America, and by that means the support of himself and numerous Family depend on the same. Your petitioner therefore prays your indulgence for to ship for the use of the said Negroes Fifty Casks of white Flour Fifty of Rye Flour, Twenty five Tierces Bread and Ten Barrels pork and your petitioner shall ever pray &c. JOHN D^E^WINT.

February 14, 1776. [Rejected.]

Election of Officers of Minute Men at White Plains.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 84.]

White Plains, Februery 14th 1776.

I Jonathan G. Tompkins & Nicolas Fisher Two of the Committe In the County of Westchester being Cawled upon by Sum Minute men to Superintend an Election in Chosing of Their officers The Number of Minute Men that were present that Voted were 19 in Number which are as follows:

Benjamin Lyon,	Samuel Crawford,	Andrew Fach,
Olliver Killick,	Isaac Oakley,	James Brundage,
John Beeks,	Joseph Todd,	Gilbert Horton,
Stephen Shelley,	John Drake,	David Johnston,
Philip Huestis,	Ezekiel Duten,	Robert Graham,
Micah Townsend, Esq.	James Farrel	William Tompson.
James Verryan,		

13 of the aforesaid Persons Voted for James Verry, Captain.

14 of the aforesaid Persons Voted for Samuel Crawford, first Lieutenant.

14 of the aforesaid Persons Voted for Isaac Oakley, second Lieutenant.

13 of the aforesaid Persons Voted for Joseph Todd, Ensign.

The Choice was made at the Place and Day above mentioned about Two of the Clock in the after noon of Said Day.

Signed By us Committe Men as aforesaid,

JONATHAN D. TOMPKINS.
NICOLAS FISHER.

Ralph Thurman to the N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 198.]

New York, 15th Feby 1776.

Gentlemen: In my application to you Gentlemen yesterday, I made no mention of any particular rank I would be glad to hold, humbly submitting that Matter to your Honours' Judgement, which I did not doubt was the case with the other Gentlemen, but I find that Companies & first Lieutenancy's have been particularly

solicited for & as my silence on that head may be construed into an indifference in me, what rank I obtained, I take this opportunity for declaring my wish for as high a rank in the Army as your Honours may Judge my poor abilities capable of filling with propriety & to your satisfaction. I am Gent[n] your most hble serv[t]

R. THURMAN.

To the Hon[ble] Provincial Congress of New York.

Petition of John Willett and other Queens County Tories.

[Petitions, 32: 254.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York convened in the City of New York.

Whereas your Petitioners of 12[th] instant presented a Petition to this honorable Body praying to be permitted to return to their respective families upon parole of Honor; but have been so unhappy as not to have heard anything relative to that matter, as yet, and are still in close Confinement to the great prejudice of themselves and families. They therefore humbly intreat this Honorable Body to take their case into consideration and grant them such relief as to this Honorable House may seem meet and we your Petitioners will ever pray.

John Willett,	Daniel Kissam,	John Polhamus,
Benj[n] Whitehead,	Jno. Shoals,	Charles Hicks,
Thomas Smith,	Samuel Hallett,	Samuel Martin,
W[m] Waynman,	Gilbert Van Wick,	David Brooks,
Nanthaniel Moore,	John Townsend,	Joseph French.

City of New York Feby 15[th] 1776.

Petition of Sundry Soldiers.

[Petitions, 32: 256.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress of New York,

The humble petition of us returned from the Northward under the command of Cap[t] Johnson Sheweth,

That your petitioners having been a campaign in this inclement season as long as they were required to the Northward and were willing to continue or re-enter in the service but understand now since our return to this City not only that the said Cap[t] Johnson intends making a large Deduction of our wages (which we presume dearly earn'd) for our clothing which we conceived to be given as a Bounty, but also of stopping our pay from the 27[th] of Jan[y] then in Albany, since which we have been at great cost and time to come down and are now on Expences tho' not properly discharged—wherefore your petitioners pray this Hon[ble] Board to take their case into consideration and give Directions to said Cap[t] Johnson for the payment of our arrears without deduction, and for our subsistence and pay 'till discharged which will give Resolution and activity to your petitioners to persevere in the defence of the Liberties of America until the same be permanently established. And your petitioners shall ever pray.

Theady Leady,	Thomas Rioly,	James Ryon,
John Wiley,	Jam Morgan,	Paul Swigar,
Mick Kelly,	John Ricks,	Alexander o Dear.

February, 15, 1776.

Elihu Marvin to the Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Rct. 27 : 220.]

In County Committee, Oxford, Feb. 15th 1776.

Gentlemen: When this Committee made report to your Honorable Board of the number of men they conceived this County would be Able to Raise for the Defence of the Colony agreeable to the Resolves of the Honorable Continental Congress for the purpose provided, it was a received opinion amongst them that the men were to be Inlisted for not more than one year certain, and a Continental Member then Present favoured the Opinion, but Mr Seth Marvin whom they nomminated and Returned for Capt of one of the Companies Informs that there was no certain period of Inlistment, but that they were to Continue in the Service during the Pleasure of Congress and therefore declined taking his permit untill he had taken the further advice of this Committee. The Committee would therefore beg leave to inform your Honorable Board that they think it very unlikely that they will be able to raise the number of men they proposed, upon such principles, and if they can they are very sure that none but the lower Class of Mankind will Inlist and these they conceive not to be the men to be depended on, whereas, on the other Hand if men were to be Inlisted for one year only, they are very certain that there would be many Volunteers out of good families, men that might be depended on and that would fight upon principle if they were brought to a trial.

The Committee also conceive that a certain period is necessary to Inlist men upon and if it was Two or Three Years that it would be better than during the Pleasure of Congress, they would be glad therefore some certain time might be fixed upon—but if that cannot be done the officers are willing now to take their permitts and make trial but fear the Consequence.

Mr Nathan Strong one of the officers Nominated under Mr Seth Marvin will Receive the permitts for that Company. I am, Gentlemen your Humb Servt.

By order of Committee,

ELIHU MARVIN, *Chairman.*

Officers of a Minute Company in Bedford, Westchester County.

[Mil. Rct. 27 : 196.]

To the Chairman of the Committee for the County of Westchester.

Sr agreeable to the Demand made by Colonl Drake to the Sub-Committee of Bedford on the tenth of this Instant we immediately issued out Warrants for the Embodying the Melitia of Bedford, and have used every Effort in order to answer his request and accordingly have Raised a Company of forty odd Men well Effective agreable to Congressional principles, the Officers Elected out of that Body were Hezekiah Gray Captain, Cornelius Clark first Lieutt, James Miller Second Lieut and Isaac Titus Ensign, the above mentioned persons where Chosen agreeable to our approbation whome we Recommend to your Care and protection and accordingly have Ordered them to march to morrow morning in Order to join Colol Drakes Regiment of Minute Men at New York Given under our Hands in Bedford this fifteenth Day of Febr 1776.

LEWIS McDONALD,
JAMES RAYMOND,
PETER FLEMING,
MARCUS MOSEMAN.

N. B. Mr James Wright was active with us through the Whole but is absent to Day.

ISRAEL LYON.

Harrison's Precinct in the County of Westchester, the 17th of February 1776

In the absence of the Chairman the Barer hereof Mr Gray Delivered the above to me, I not being acquainted with the Sircumstance Can Say nothing of my Self only that I can Confide in the Gentlemen who have been acting and Desier Said Gray may be encouraged in the way the Hon Provincial Congress may think meet.

WILLIAM MILLER, *D. Chairman.*

Phillip Brooks to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 226.]

Gentlemen: Having had an opportunity of Feeling the oppression exercised by the minstry over Ireland, the place of my nativity, and as I have tasted the sweets of American Liberty, Before this unhappy contest, common sense directs in the choice I should make for myself and posterity.

Therefore as a young unmarried man I can neither think myself excusable, or a usefull member of society, while content with indifferently examining the public prints at home.

To act as I could wish among the Independents would not answer the frugality with which I am obliged to manage my time.

To enter among the Private Provincials would be agreeable could the generality of my companions be form'd to the agreemens of religious or even genteel Behaviour. But the contrary which is often the case would be very disagreeable to any person of any sensibility.

These considerations have urged me to apply for any commission in the service Beneath a captain, as I do not immagine myself capable of Conducting that Important Rank.

Your complying with this reqnest shall be gratefully acknowledged and I hope suitably Improved by Gentlemen your Respectful Humble servt

New York, Feb. 16th 1776. PHILLIP BROOKS.

The within named Phillip Brooks now Belongs to the Crown Buffs, 2nd Battallion and has acted with the Dilligence of Spirited soldier and the Conduct of a good man since under my command. GEORGE LINDSAY.

The within mentioned Philip Brooks inlisted in the above mentioned Company when under my command and has always conducted himself with the greatest dilligence and readiness upon every occasion when called upon in the faith full discharge of his duty and I can with the greatest freedom recommend him to the Honourable Congress of this Province as a person qnalified to fill a subaltern office.

ISAAC STOUTENBURG, 2d major 2nd Battallion.

I agree in opinion with Major Stoutenburgh concerning the merit of Mr Brooks now especially as he seems to be influenced by principal.

WILLIAM MALCOM, Major 2nd Batta

Application of Adrian De Ronde.

[Petitions, 32: 173.]

Gentlemen: I having been informed that there are four Battallions of Provincial Troops to be raised within this Province for the defence of the same and being willing to take an active Part in the Cause of my country, I take this method of offering my services to your consideration and that it may be evident to you that my object is not Rank but a desire of securing the liberties of my Country from meditated destruction, I would accept of either a Majority or a Captainey as you in your direction shall think fit.

From Gentlemen your most Obedient & very Humble servant

ADRIAAN DE RONDE.

February 17th 1776.

To the Honble Provincial Congress of New York.

Return of Officers of Minute Companies, Southampton.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 208, 210.]

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb^{y} 17th 1776.

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress of New York.

GENTLEMEN: Pursuant to the Instructions of your Honourable House, we have this day attended upon the Choice of Officers, for one of the minute Companies in this Town, we would inform you that the Officers Chosen are as follows—David Peirson, Cap^{t}; John Foster, Jun^{r} 1st Lieut.; Abraham Rose, 2^{d} Lieut., & Edward Tapping, Ensign. We pray the Commissions may be made out as soon as may be & Forwarded. We are Gentlemen with due Respect your most Obed^{t} Humble Serv^{ts}

Signed by order of the Comm^{tte}

MALTBY GELSTON, *Chairman.*

[Commissions issued Feb. 23, 1776.]

Officers of the Minute Company Chosen in Southampton Feb^{r}y 15, 1776.

Zephaniah Rogers, Cap^{tn}
Nathaniel Howell, Jun^{r} 1 Lieut^{nt}
Mathew Sayer, 2 Lieut^{nt}

The above officers was Unanimously Chosen agreeable to the Rules of the Congress Present at the Choice,

TH^{s} COOPER, *Chairman.*
SILAS HALLSEY, *Committee man.*

Applications of Daniel Niven and Benjamin Walker.

[Petitions, 32: 196.]

Daniel Niven alledges that from his acquaintance he can speedily raise a company, he requests a commission.

Benjamin Walker of the first Batalion of New York, having now offered his service a second time, earnestly solicits a commission.

February 19, 1776.

Petition of William and Thomas Cock.

[Petitions, 32: 248.]

To the Honorable Provential Congress of New York.

The Petetion of William and Thomas Cock of Oysterbay in Queens County Humbly Sheweth,

That we your petetioners are Inhabitance of said County; and that at the last Election of Deputies for the provential Congress we opposed the electing of Deputies for said county since which we are convinced of our Error and think it was absolutely necessary that there should be a representation of said county in provential Congress, and that your petetioners did not oppose the choice of said Deputies from any desire or Inclination of Injuring this country, but was owing entirely to Error in Judgment and that your petetioners is ready to obay all orders & Recommendations of the Continential & the provential Congress. Your petitioners therefore desire that your Honorable Body will take our Case into consideration and grant us such releif in the present case as you shall seem meet.

WILLIAM COCK,
THO^{s} COCK.

NEW YORK, February 19th 1776.

(Indorsed) The Petition of W^{m} Cock & Tho^{s} Cock, Delinquents of Queens county. They are Converted & become Whigs, and pray to be restored.

Election of John Tappen as Ensign.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 204.]

We do Certify that John Tappen was duly elected Ensign of Capt. John Schenks associated Company of Militia of Foot of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County in lieu of Mathew Van Keuren resigned.

JOHN CHILD,
PETER TAPPEN,
of the Committee of Poughkeepsie.

Feb^{y} 19th 1776.

Officers of Minute Men, Easthampton.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 214.]

In East Hampton, Febry 19: 1776.

Ezekiel Mulford was chosen Captain of the Company of Minute Men in East Hampton in Suffolk County in the Regiment whereof Josiah Smith, Esq^{r} is Colonel at the same Time John Millar was chosen first Lieutenant & Nathaniel Hand second Lieut in said County.

Certifyed by
THOMAS WEEKHM,
Committee of East Hampton.

To the Provincial Congress In New York.

Petition of Azor Bett

[Petitions, 32: 244]

To the Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress.

The petition of Azor Betts, humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner fully sensible of his former indiscresions begs leave to return to a proper sence of his Duty to his Country, and your Petitioner further most solemnly assures the Congress, that it shall be his future most earnest study, to convince every individual of his most steady adherence to the utmost of his abilitys in promoting the Liberties of America.

That your Petitioner still flatters himself his crime is not of so atrocious a Nature but that his pardon may be anounced on a due submission, as such he most humbly leaves his case to their tender consideration and should he be so happy to experience their forgivness and protection, it will by him with a most thankfull heart ever be acknowledged and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Esopus Gaol, February 20th 1776.

Gentlemen: The above Petition was this Day Delivered to our Committee of Kingston by Azor Betts, Now prisoner in our gaol, and Desired our faver to Reccommend a faver for him to get Relief but gentleman as we are entirely strengers to his former conduct we must refer the matter entirely to your seperer Judgment as to his Behaviour since in our Gaol he has made offers to sign a Recantion and make oath for his futur behaviour, But as his conduct is Best Knowen to you we shall entirely rest with your Judgment.

By order of the Committee,
WILL^{M} ELLSWORTH, *Chairman.*

Commissions Issued.

[Mil. Ret., 27 : 71, 73, 75.]

20 day of February 1775.

Commission to Jonathan Elmondorph Esquire, first Major of the Northern Regiment of Militia of foot in Ulster County.

By order
NATH^LL WOODHULL, *Presid^t*

Attest: ROB^T BENSON, *Secr^y*

20 Day of Febuary, 1776.

Commission to Adrian Wynkoop Esquire, Second Major of the Northern Regiment of Militia of foot in Ulster County.

By order
Nath^LL WOOLHULL, *Presid^t*

Attest: ROB^T BENSON, *Secr^y*

20 Day of February 1776.

Commission to John Van Deursen you^r Gentlemen, Quarter Master of the first Regiment of Militia of foot in Ulster County.

By order
NATH^EL WOODHULL, *Presid^t*

Attest: ROB^T BENSON, *Secr^y*

Election of Deputies to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 186.]

COMMITTEE CHAMBER, Feb^y 20^th 1776.

In pursuance of an Order of the Provincial Congress Of the 13^th Inst. this Committee directed an Election to be held this day at the City Hall for the Choice of seven Deputies to serve in the Provincial Congress with the other Deputies of this City & County in the room of those who have not taken their seats.

The Sub Committee appointed to Superintend the above mentioned Election return the following Persons as duly Elected viz: *Adrian Rutgers, Evert Bancker, Abraham P. Lott, Thomas Randall, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Samuel Prince and William Denning.*

By Order of the Committee,
HENRY REMSEN, *Chairman.*

Officers of the 3d, 4th, 5th & 6th Regiments of the County of Albany.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 199.]

Whereas the Commissions heretofore sent by the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York for the militia in the District of the manor of Rensselaerwyck were irregular as to arrangements, The Committee therefore of said District recommend the following arrangement, and beg that the officers may be Commissioned accordingly.

3d Regiment.

Francis Nicoll, Col^o
Philip P. Schuyler, Lieu^t Col^o
Henry Quackenbush, 1^st major.
Barrent Staats, 2^d Do.
John P. Quackenbush, Adju^t
Christopher Lansing, Qu^tr Master.

1 Company.
Peter P. Schuyler, Cap^t
Abraham Witbeeck, 1 Lieu^t
Henry Ostrum, 2 Do.
Peter S. Schuyler, Ensign.

2 Company.
Abraham D. Fonder, Capt.
Henry Oothoot, Junior, 1 Lieu^t
Levinus Lansing, 2 Do.,
Jacob J. Lansing, Ensign.

3 Company.
Jacob Ball, Cap[t]
John Warner, 1 Lieu[t]
Peter Dietz, 2 Do.,
Josh Schaver, Ensign.

4 Company.
Jacob J. Lansing, Cap[t]
Levinus Winne, 1 Lieu[t]
John Van Woert, 2 Do.,
Peter Dox, Ensign.

5 Company.
Jacob Van Aernam, Cap[t]
John Groot, 1 Lieu[t]
George Wagener, 2 Do.
Frederick Crantz, Jr. Ensign.

6 Company.
Abraham Veeder, Cap[t]
James Burnside, 1 Lieu[t]
John Voorhuyse, 2 Do.
Andries Ten Eyck, Ensign.

4[th] Regiment.

Killian Van Rensselaer, Coll[o]
John R. Beeckman, Lieu[t] Col[o]
Cornelius Van Beuren, 1 Major.
Jacob C. Schermerhorn, 2 Do.
Jacobus Van Der Pool, Adju[t]
John A. Lansing, Quarter Master.

1 Company.
Isaac Miller, Capt.
Hendrick Schans, 1 Lieut.
Joh[s] Lodewick, 2 Do.
Johannis Miller, Ensign.

2 Company.
Ichabod Turner, Capt.
Joel Pease, 1 Lieut.
Jonathan Niles, 2 Do.
Joel Curtis, Ensign.

3 Company.
Luke Schermerhorn, Capt.
James Magee, 1 Lieut.
Reuben Knap, 2 Do.
Aaron Hammond, Ensign.

4 Company.
James Dennison, Capt.
Stephen Niles, 1 Lieut.
Obadiah Vaughan, 2 Do.
Oliver Bently, Ensign.

5 Company.
Nicholas Staats, Capt.
Obadiah Lansing, 1 Lieut.
Philip Staats, 2 Do.
Leonard Witbeeck, Ensign.

6 Company
Jacobus Cole, Capt.
Anthony Bries, 1 Lieut.
Harpert Witbeeck, 2 Do.
John Vinhagen, Jun[r] Ensign.

7 Company.
Abraham J. Van Valkenburgh, Capt.
Daniel Schermerhorn, 1 Lieut.
John J. Van Valkenburgh, 2 Do.
Martinus Van Beuren, Ensign.

5th Regiment

———— Coll[o]
Gerrit G. Van Den Bergh, L[t] Col[o]
Peter Schuyler, first Major.
Volker Veeder, sec[d] Do.
Moses R. Van Vranken, Adju[t]
Francis Marshall, Q[r] Master.

1 Company.
Coenradt Ten Eyck, Cap[t]
Peter Whitbeeck, 1 Lieu[t]
Daniel G. Van Antwerp, 2 Do.
John Ver Plank, Ensign.

2 Company.
William P. Winne, Cap[t]
John De Voe, 1 Lieut[t]
Philip C. Look, 2 Do.
Cornelius Van Der Zee. Ensign.

3 Company.
Dirck Bicker, Cap[t]
John A. Van Wie, 1 Lieu[t]
George Hogan, 2 Do.
Hezekiah Schoonmaker, Ensign.

4 Company.
Abraham Slingerlandt, Cap[t]
Jillis Lagrange, 1 Lieu[t]
Teunis W. Slingerlandt, 2 Do.
Teunis A. Slingerlandt, Ensign.

5 Company.
Albert Van Der Zee, Capt.
David Hoghteeling, 1 Lieut.
Anthony Vrooman, 2 Do.
William Van Aelen, Ensign.

6th *Regiment.*

Stephen J. Schuyler, Colo
Henry Van Rensselaer, L. Colo
John I. Fonda, 1 Major.
Floris Banker, 2 Do.
Volkert Oothoudt, Adjut
Jacob Van Aelstyn, Qr Master.

1 Company.
John J. Fonda, Capt.
John P. Fonda, 1 Lieut.
George Berger, 2 Do.
George Scharp, Ensign.

2 Company.
Henry Gardineer, Capt.
Jacob Van Der Heyden, 1 Lieut.
Adam Beam, 2 Do.
Henry Tinker, Ensign.

3 Company.
John Lantman, Capt.
Peter Vossburgh, 1 Lieut.
John Schurtz, 2 Do.
Coenraedt Best, Ensign.

4 Company.
Cornelius Lansingh, Capt.
Ludowick Snyder, 1 Lieut.
Andries Stool, 2 Do.
Jacob Weiger, Ensign.

5 Company.
Caleb Bently, Capt.
Samuel Shaw, 1 Lieut.
David Hustis, 2 Do.
Thomas Crandell, Ensign.

6 Company.
Jacob De Freest, Capt.
Martinus Scharp, 1 Lieut.
Andries Miller, 2 Do.
John Crannel, Ensign.

7 Company.
Florus Banker, Capt.
Christopher Tillman, 1 Lieut.
Abraham Ten Eyck, 2 Do.
Jonathan Seever, Ensign.

[Commissions issued and dated 20 February, 1776.]
Six blanks for Committee to fill up.

Colonel Drake to Colonel Woodhull.

[Petitions, 32: 250.]

Horne's Hook, February 20th 1776.

Sir, Dr Benjamin Miller at my Request has marched and is now with my Regiment as Surgeon. He has already taken care of some that are sick. Would be much obliged to the honble Congress to have him examined and if found properly qualified appointed Surgeon of my Regiment. As Dr Miller is acquainted with a considerable part of the men under my command, suppose he would be more agreeable to the soldiers than most others.

I am, Sir, your most Humble Servt
SAML DRAKE, Colo

To Coll Nathaniel Woodhull, President of the Provincial Congress.

The names of Men belonging in Sargeant Graham's Quarter.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 5.]

Charles Haines,
David Conger,
John Conger,
Thomas Gates,
James Smith,
John Smith,
Robert M^{c}Clanihan,
John Wallis,
John Black,
Robert Black,
Nathaniel Camble,
Samuel Camble,
Nathan Camble,
James Huston, Jun^{r}
Thomas Baty
John Harris,
Samuel M^{c}Collum,
William Davis,
Robert M^{c}Cutchan, Sen^{r}
Thomas Peacock,
James Monell, Jun^{r}
Robert Milborn,
James Strahan,
James Monnels, Sen^{r}
Thomas M^{c}Callion,
William Buchanan,
Tunis Vannorsdal,
Alexander Bodal,
Joseph Elder,
James Wherry,
Thomas Goldsmith,
Mosis Cinkade,
George Harris,
James Black,
John Milborn,
Hugh Peacock,
James M^{c}Master, Jun^{r}
38 Privates.

In Robert Suter's Quarter.

John Blake,
Thomas M^{c}Kee,
Thomas M^{c}Kee, Jun^{r}
William More,
John Davison,
John Barber,
Joseph Huston,
Robert Henderson,
Abraham Neely,
Henry Neely,
Charles Young,
Noris Carr,
David Janson,
David Yeoman,
21 Privates,
Robert M^{c}Coutchan, Jun^{r}
Donald M^{c}Clean,
John Tomson,
W^{m} Cunningham,
John Welch,
Robart Simple,
Jo^{hs} Owens.

In Hendrick Rockefeller's Quarter.

Lawrence Hulshaver,
Henry Smith,
Adam Smith,
Bostian Smith,
Andris Hart,
Cristian Rockefeller,
John More,
Thomas Barkley,
George Norse,
Jacob Culp,
David Risle,
Hennery Patterson,
Cristian Cifert,
Hugh Southerland,
Paul Yeakels,
Daniel Read.
16 Privates.

In Jacob Pitts Quarter.

William Watson,
Adam Duglas,
James M^{c}Master, Sen^{r}
William Eager,
John Hardenbrook,
Johannes Miller, Jun^{r}
James Rowley,
John Trimble,
Andrew Wilson,
James M^{c}Clauhery,
George Smith,
Samuel Miller,
James Gibson,
Mosis Latta.
14 Privates.

Whole Containing, Privates 89.

Return of Officers of a Minute Company in Dutchess County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 216.]

These are to certify that the following persons were duly elected officers in a Minute Company in Charlotte Precinct Dutchess County Viz in Col. Van Ness's Regiment Viz Melancton Smith, Captain, Isaac Bloom, 1st Lieut. William Mead, second Lieut. & William Tremper, Ensign.

JACOBUS SWARTWOUT,
PETER TAPPEN,
REUBEN HOPKINS,
Committee Men.

[Commissions issued Feb'y 22, 1776.]

Letter to one of the Delegates in the Continental Congress.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 692.]

[February 1776.]

Sir: Should anything that follows enable you to answer any matters objected to the care or conduct of the present Representatives of this Colony it will apologize for my giving the Trouble of this narrative—

On the 15th of January the Resolutions of Congress That the Troops in Canada should be formed into 2 Regts and to raise a Regt for the service in Canada with the Gent of Albany for Field Officers came to hand; on the next day a copy was forwarded to Genl Schuyler. Some time after the Committee of Safety were informed that Genl Schuyler had a prior copy of that Resolve and had issued warnts Sundry Resolutions of Congress passed at different times from the 8th to the 20th of Jany inclusive, among which is the direction for Raising for Regimts came to hand on the 23d in the Evening, & Copies were that night prepared & next morning dispatched to Genl Schuyler.

The Committee of Safety few in number could not fix on proper persons for Officers in each County, nor determine the numbers the respective Counties would probably raise & to wait the meeting of the Convention would create delay & was uncertain. Therefore as fast they could be prepared Letters were dispatched to the County Committees, directing them with the advice of the County Deputies, where it could be obtained, to recommend proper Officers and report the numbers of men who could be raised for the Service in their respective Counties & on the 27 the Terms of pay &c, Instructions for enlisting and Warrants for the Officers were printed & ready On the 31st Jany. the 12500 Dollrs for Colo van Schaick's Canada Regt Sundry Officers in it passed into the Colony Treasury.

The Committee having had the information abovementioned as to Genl Schuylers Warrants; and for many reasons Exclusive of Economy being of opinion that the Regt would be most easily raised in the northern parts of the Colony, on the 6th of Feby dispatched the money for that Regt to Genl Schuyler.

On the 12th Feby a Letter was recd from the Genl dated on the 6th mentioning the Companies he had ordered to be raised for Garrisoning Crown Point, Ticonderoga, fort George &c that the Committee would probably receive Instructions from Congress that they should form part of that Regt & soon after the resolve of Congress of the 5th Feby directing the Genl to Compleat the appointmts in that Regt came to hand.

From this state of facts, Sir, you will see that only three weeks elapsed from the first notice received by the Committee about Colo van Schaick Regt until it was taken out of their hands. They would willingly undertake any Duty to relieve Genl Schuyler, but few in number, at a great distance in the midst of winter, without any member from Albany or the northern part of the Colony in which alone a Regimt for those Gentlemen would be raised, they had nothing in their power. The season of the year, the Distance & the assembling County Committee's required time for answers.

On the 15th Feby, the Convention being assembled, amongst other things *Resolved* that a sufficient number of Officers should be appointed in each County to Command the men to be raised in the same and that in the appointing of such officers those who served their much Injured Country in the last Campaign ought to have the preference. The Convention considered the returns of those which had made Returns, apportioned the four Regimts and issued Warrants to the Officers, or dispatched them with the said resolves to the County Committees.

On the 22d Inst was received the Resolution of Congress of the 15th that such of the officers who served faithfully in Canada the last Campaign as are willing to continue there be preferred in the new Levies of the Coloney of New York to others.

The resolution for forming two Regts of the troops in Canada (however difficult to be executed) remain'd, in full force and not superceeded—and this occasioned the Letter of the 22d from the Provincial Congress to know who of them were provided for before they appointed Field officers.*

* See Journ. of N. Y. Prov. Congress, I 317, 319.

Calo McDougall on the spot in a constant Tour of duty and Lieut Colo Courtland in West Chester ready when required, allowed the more time to determine.

I expect the officers will in some places recruit fast—and should a few of them fail some Gentlemen has offered full Companies for whom there is at present no vacancy.

[On the back of the above are the following.]

Feby 6 money sent to Genl Schuyler—Feby 12th Letter Genl S. of 6th that he had issued warrants—recd of 12th

22d Resolve to employ the Officers in Canada—& the former resolve of putting them into regt unrepeld tho Impossible to execute, occasioned Letter of 22d to the Delegates.

Officers of Minute Company, Beckman's Precinct.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 170.]

NEW YORK, Feby 23d 1776.

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of New York:

GENTLEMEN: the minute Company from Beckman's Precinct in Dutchess County being lately raised & so soon ordered on duty that the Committee had not opportunity before they left home to attend the Election of their officers—but we have this day Call'd the Company to a choice—when the following Gentlemen were unanimously Chosen officers of said Company, and we request they may be commissioned Viz: William Clark, Captn Benjamin Noxon, 1st Lieut Martin Cornell, 2d Lieut Nathaniel Cary Ensign.

JAMES VANDERBURGH,
EBENEZR CARY,
Committee.

[Commissions issued March 1st 1776.]

Petition of Joseph Crane.

[Petitions, 32: 246.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of New York now convened.

The memorial of your memorialist humbly sheweth, that your memorialist has had the honour of serving as first Lieutenant in Cap. John Lamb's Company of Artilery in the late expeditions against Canada. That he has been at great expense in preparing himself for that service; that he has put himself out of all other business for that purpose, and that he has endured a very tedious and fateegueing Campaign in the defence of his Country. Your memorialist continuing zealously desirous of serving his Country in her present Struggle for liberty, humbly requests that your Honorable House will appoint him to the care of a company of Artilery. And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

NEW YORK, 24 Feb 1776. JOSEPH CRANE.

Officers in Colonel Swartwout's Regiment, Dutchess County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 204, 212.]

GENTLEMEN: When the several officers of Militia were called before the Committee of Rumbout Precinct to Receive their Commissions and Sign the Declaration Zebulon Southard for whom a Captains Commission was sent up Refused to sign the said Declaration—upon which the Committee ordered the Company to be Called together agreeable to the Rule of the Congress when the following officers were Chosen to wit: Evert Winekoop Swart, Capt, Robert Brett, first Lieut., Isaac Van Wyck, Second Lieut.; Abraham Shults, Ensign.

By order of the Committee as Chairman I was directed to apply for the above Commissions and to Transmit them to the Deputy Chairman of the Committee as soon as Possible.

Also Inclosed you have a List of officers Chosen by their Several Companies in my Regiment of Minute men for whom I Pray Commissions may be made out as soon as Possible as they are now attending on Service without Commissions.

I am Gentlemen with Respect Your very Humble Servt

NEW YORK, Febry 25, 1776. JACOBUS SWARTWOUT, *Colo*

To the Honourable Provincial Congress.

P. S. Shod be glad the Commissions of the Militia might be made out as soon as Possable as I have a mediate oppertunity to send them.

The following Persons were Unanimously Chosen as Officers of the Several Companies of Minute Men in Colonel Swartwouts Regiment agreeable to the Resolution of Congress: John Dorlon, Capt; Henry Wyckoff, first Lieut.; Robert Hill, second Lieut.; Thomas Ostrander, Ensign.

James Weeks, Capt.; Hugh Conner, 1 Lieut.; James Cooper, 2 Lieut.; Theodorus Brett, Ensign.

Comfort Ludington, Capt.; Elijah Oakly, 1 Lieut.; John Bready, 2d Lieut.; Asa Berry, Ensign.

JACOBUS SWARTWOUT,
HENRY GODWIN,
Committeemen.

Febry 25, 1776.

Return of Officers for Orange Town, Orange County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 182.]

ORANGE TOWN, feberuary the 27th 1776.

Gentlemen of Provincial Congress:

We the Committee for the Preeent of Orange Beg Leve to a quant you that the Committee for the County of fore said have a Pointed one of our insigns for major in the minuet Rigment thare fore We Beg you Will send up Commitiones for a insign in the Company of Johannes Jacobes Blawvelt Likewise a nother for a second majer from your most Homb Sarvent

By Order of Committe,
JAMES LENT, *Chairman.*

Johannes T. Harring, insign; Abraham David Blawvelt, Second Majer.

Officers in Florida and Warwick, Orange County.

[Mil. Ret. 27; 180.]

To Nathaniel Woodhull, Esqr President of The Honble Provincial Congress of New York.

Whereas Sundry Vacancies at present Subsists in Several of the Militia Companies in the new formed Regiment of Florida and Warwick occasioned by the Promotion of Persons being appointed in the said Companies, to the Rank of Field Officers of the sd Regiment.

Agreeable to a Resolve of the Honble Provincial Congress of this Collony in that Case made the Committee of this Precinct appointed Two of their Members to attend at the Election of such Companies where such Vacancies subsists of Which Reports of the sd presideing Committee have been made to me in the following manner:

In Capt Henry Wisner's Compy Appointed.

Abraham Dolson, Capt — John Hopper, 2d Lieut.,
Henry Bartols, 1st Lieut., — Mathias Dolson, Ensign.

In Capt Nathl Elmers Compy appointd

John Sayre, 1st Lieut., — John Kennedee, 2d Lieut.

In Capt Charles Bardsley Compy Apd

John Minthorn, Capt — George Vance, 2d Lieut.,
Nathaniel Kitchum, 1st Lieut., — John Bennediet, Ensign.

For the above named persons, Appointed in their Respective Companies Pray Commissions may be Issued.

By Order of Committee,

JOHN HATHORN, *Chairman.*

Goshen Precinct, February 28th 1776.

[Commissions issued February 29, 1776.]

Surgeon Hammell to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 157.]

Gentlemen: Desirious of takeing an active part in the American struggle, and willing to engage as a Surgeon to the last Forces raised in this province, I applied to the Honorable Provincial Congress for their approbation but received no answer. Still actuated by the purest motives (the Love and wellfair of my country) and understanding four more Battalions are shortly to be raised in this Colony, I again offer myself to the consideration of your Honourable Body. I do not mean, Gentlemen, to impose myself on any Body of men; nor do I wish an appointment without previously discovering myself capable of the Trust. Doctor Kemmena's thoughts on my abilities I presented with my last application; shall only observe that I have been almost eight years to the practice, and would be pleased in being Surgeon of a Battalion, or first assistant, as Gentlemen you shall think most proper of your very Humble Servt JOHN HAMMELL, Junr

At Doctr Kemmena's New York, 20th February 1776.

Capt. Willett to Mr. McKesson.

[Mil. Com. 25: 690.]

Sir,—Please to favor me with a Certifyed Copy of General Schuyler's letter to the Chairman of the Congress Respecting me and you'll oblige Sir your Humb Servt MARINUS WILLET.

Wednesday Morning, 1776.

To John McKesson, Esq.

General Schuyler to Nathaniel Woodhull.

[Rev. Correspon. I.: 261.]

Albany, February 27, 1776.

Sir,—When an officer has acted with remarkable attention and propriety it becomes a duty in his commander to give public testimony of it. Such has been the conduct of Capt. Willets during the last campaign; he is therefore entitled to the attention of his country. I am, Sir, your most humble servt.,

PH. SCHUYLER.

Petition of Isaac Ryckman.

[Petitions, 32: 159.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress of New York.

Genl,—Whereas your Petitioner being very desirous of serving his country against the Arbitrary and Lawless attempts of a designing Ministry to banish Freedom from this once happy and free land, and erect the Standard of Despotism in its stead. And as your petitioner has ever been distinguished as a hearty Friend, and well wisher to the American Cause, and is now actually in the service as a Serjeant in Capt Johnsons Company of Col M°Dougall's Regt, and a Native of this

City, of Parents ever distinguish'd as friends to the Privileges of this City and to the American Cause in General.

When your Petitioner enter'd the Service, it was in expectation of being promoted but finding that impracticable without the assistance of this Honourable Congress, have thought proper with the advice of my Friends to make this humble application. Praying that your Honours may be pleased to appoint me to one such vacant Commission that may happen as your Honours in wisdom may think fit.

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

ISAAC RYCKMAN Junr.

Application of Philip Pelton and John Vredenburgh.

[Petitions, 32: 184, 186.]

Philip Pelton is willing to serve his country in the capassity of a captain or Quarter master. I am the oldest of the name in this city & propperly qualified for the Business.

GENTLEMEN: I am desirous of serving my native country in the Provincial Army. I shall use my utmost endeavours to discharge the Duties of any office you shall see fit to appoint me to. I am perfectly well acquainted with all the military menevours, having been for above three years in an Independent Company.

I am Gentlemen your Humble servant,

JOHN VREDENBURGH, Junior.

Application of Messrs. Burger & Prichard.

[Petitions, 32: 188.]

Colo[l] ABRAHAM BRAZIER,

SIR: The subscribers request you will be pleased to recommend them to the Hon[ble] Comittee of Safety and inform them that we are sincere Friends to America and its libertys and desirous to serve as First and second Lieutenants in any corps they be pleased to appoint, and are sir with great respect your very hum[ble] servants,

JNO. BURGER.
JA[s] PRICHARD.

Report of the Committee on Stores, &c.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 303.]

Your Committee to Consider what is to be done with the Stores belonging to this State now in the hands of Mr. Norwood do report

That the 11007 lbs Lead 34 Reams Paper, 60 half Cotts & 25000 flints be removed to General Clinton's Encampment the North side of Kings Bridge.

That 7663 Cartriges & 5000 flints be put into the Care of Joseph Robertson, Esqr, Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Queens County now in Jamaica for the use of the Militia now Raising in said County.

That the 37 Arms fit for use be put into the hands of Cap[t] James Steuart for the use of the men now raised and to be raised by him.

That the 49 arms unfitt for use be put into the hands of a Gun Smith to be emeadeately repaired.

Report of the Committee of War on Gen. Lee's Letter.

[Mis. Pap., 39: 299.]

The Committee of War have taken into Consideration the Subject Matter of Major General Lee's Letter of yesterday respecting the Timber requisite for Platforms & other works, and haveing conferred with Mr Commissary Curtenius & Capt

Post on the Subject have come to the following Resolve which they beg leave to report:

Resolved, That Mr P. T. Curtenius the Commissary of this Colony be ordered to furnish from time to time such quantities of Timber as may be necessary for executing the works now carrying on in this City & its environs by the Continental forces, provided the whole does not exceed five hundred Loads, each load to contain forty cubic feet.

With respect to the Carpenters from Connecticut which General Lee informs are ready to work at lower wages than the Citizens demand, provided this Congress will furnish the Tools—The Committee are of opinion it will be most advancive of the public Service to compleat the enlistment of the Company of Artificers with all possible expedition, and that they should furnish their own tools, but upon enquiry the Committee find it is totally impracticable, unless the proposed wages are advanced, they therefore submit to the Congress the propriety of alowing the artificers twelve dollars per month, which they are assured will induce the best Journeymen in this City immediately to enlist.

All of which is humbly submitted.

PETRUS TEN BROECK.

Petition of Benjamin Curtis.

[Petitions, 32: 318.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the colony of New York in provincial Convention assembled.

The memorial & Petition of Benjamin Curtis of the city of New York, humbly sheweth,

That your Memorialist has studied physic & surgery in a regular way.

That having an inclination to serve his country in the capacity of a Surgeon in the army he has submitted to an examination by Doctors Jones and Bard from whom he has received a certificate in the following words:

"This is to certify that we the Subscribers have carefully and strictly examined M^{r} Benjamin Curtis respecting his knowledge in Physick and Surgery and that we find him well acquainted with the principles of his profession, & very properly qualify'd to act as Surgeon of a regiment in testimony of which we have with pleasure given him this certificate dated in New York the 29th day of February 1776."

That having such Testimonials of his abilities in his Profession he flatters himself he shall be favoured with the attention of the Convention

And therefore your Petitioner prays that he may be appointed Surgeon to a Regiment and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c.

New York, March 1, 1776. BENJAMIN CURTIS.

Return of the 1st Minute Company, Westchester County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 3.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

We the subscribers two of the Committee of West Chester County do most humbly certify that the Place of Captain of the 1st Company of Minute Men belonging to the said County, becoming vacant by Ebenezer Slason's being appointed a Major, the said Company elected *Henry Slason* (who was their 1st Lieu^{t}) to be Cap^{t}, *Ebenezer Schofield* (who was 2^{d} Lieu^{t}) to be 1st Lieu^{t}, *Daniel Waterberry* (who was Ensign) to be 2^{d} Lieu^{t} & *David Purdy* to be Ensign; in our Presence this 1st March, 1776.

SAM^{LL} DRAKE,
LEWIS GRAHAM.

[Commissions Dated March 1st 1776.]

Election of Officers for Hanover Precinct.

[Mil. Ret. 27 : 47.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Hanover Precinct at the House of Widow Crist on Saterday the second Day of March 1776. William Cross, Chairman.

Resolved: That William Cross and William Miller Do attend the Election of a first Lieutenant In a Company Commanded by Capt. William Jackson, on Wednesday the Sixth Day of March at the House of Widow M^c^Cobb, at ten OClock in the forenoon of said Day, and they attended at the time and place aforesaid, when the Company Elected Henry Vankeuren, First Lieutenant In said Company, agreeable to the Rules and orders of the provincial Congress.

WILLIAM CROSS, *Chairman.*

Petition of Messrs. Robinson and Price.

[Petitions, 32 : 312, 314.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress for the province of New York.

The Pettition of Robert Robinson and Mich^l^ Price Humbly Sheweth,

That your Pettitioners have unhappily fallen under the censure of the Committee of New York for having been concerned in selling goods at Higher prices than for twelve months Last past.

That your Pettitioners have suffered & do daily suffer many hardships & inconveniences from this censure

That your Pettitioners are extremely sorry that any part of their conduct should have given offence to their fellow citizens as they have always had the cincerist Regard for the welfare & prosperity of the Province of New York & of America in general.

That your pettitioners did early sign the general Association and in all cases except the above have strictly observ'd all orders and recommendations of the Continental & Provincial Congress and General Committee of this city and that they sincerely promise to abide by all such orders and Recommendations for the future and that it shall be their earnest indeavour so to Demean themselves as to avoid giving any Just cause of offence.

That your Petitioner therefore Humbly request this Honourable Congress will be pleased to take the singular hardships of their case into consideration and grant them relief from the present embarrasments under which they Labour from said censure and your Petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray.

ROBINSON & PRICE.

March 2^nd^ 1776.

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

The Memorial of Sundry Merchants and other Inhabitants of the City of New York Humbly Setteth forth:

We the Subscribers beg leave Humbly to represent to this Honorable Congress that we have observed for a considerable time past, Robert Robinson & Michael Price of this city Merchants suffering great hardships under the censure of the Committee, & conceiving their case to be singularly hard & being persuaded that they will in future earnestly endeavour to avoid giving any just cause of offence, We humbly pray that this Honorable Congress will be pleased to Take their case into consideration and grant them such relief as in your wisdom may seem meet.

Anth Lispenard, for Leon^d^ Lispenard,	Will : Pagan,	John Moore,
	Abram Lott,	Abr^m^ B. Bancker,
Anth Lispenard, for self,	Vanzandts and Keteltas,	Rich^d^ Yates,
John Jones,	Alexander Robertson,	Smith Ramadge,
Cornelius Ray,	Rob^t^ Gault,	Oliver Templeton,
Rich^d^ Ray, Jun^r^	Francis Lewis, Jun^r^	Gerard W^m^ Beekman,
John Ramsay,	W^m^ Walton,	Samuel Clossey,
Corn^s^ P. Low,	Wynandt Keteltas,	Hugh Gaine,
Sam^l^ Bard,	Rich^d^ Sharpe,	James Seagrove.
Tho^s^ Jones,		

March 2, 1776.

Petition of David Shaddel.

[Petitions, 32: 155.]

To the Honourable Representatives of the Province of New York in Provincial Congress assembled.

The petition of David Shaddel of the City of New York Coach Maker Humbly Sheweth:

That your petitioner being well affected to the Cause of his Country has on all occasions exerted himself when ever called on to the utmost of his Power and Abilities.

That on Sunday the eighteenth day of February last, while he was assisting in removing the Cannon from of the Battery, he had the misfortune to have his hand & arm crushed in a terrible manner, so that he has ever since been incapable of earning anything for the support of his Wife & Family, and what adds more to his unhappiness is that he has no prospect of getting better for some weeks.

That your petitioner for the want of work these few months past is so far reduced in his circumstances as not to be able to support the encreasing expences which this accident has laid him under without having recourse to the Benevolence of the Charitable and well disposed.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly hopes (that as he now suffers in the cause of his country) this Honorable Congress will take his case into their consideration, and grant him such relief as they in their wisdom shall think proper

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

New York, March 4th 1776.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing account of the hurt David Shaddel received 18th ul^{t} is true. JOHN CHARLTON.

Petition of Abraham Lott.

[Petitions, 32: 306.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York in Congress convened.

The Memorial of Abraham Lott, Treasurer of said Colony, Humbly showeth,

That by a law of the Legislature for this Colony, passed the 16th day of February in the year 1771, one hundred and twenty thousand pounds in bills of credit were ordered to be, and were accordingly emmitted put out on loan: That the Interest money arising therefrom should yearly be paid to the respective loan officers on the Third Tuesday in April: And that *One Tenth* part of the Principal Sum should be paid *in*, on the *Third Tuesday in April*, in this present year 1776 and so on, one Tenth part annually until the whole Principal is paid off; which respective Tenths are by the said law ordered to be annually sunk.

That the memorialist has been informed by some of the Loan officers, they apprehend it will be impracticable at this time for the Borrowers of the money to procure New York currency to pay off the Interest and one Tenth of the principal sum borrowed, as none of that money now passes, and are totally at a loss how to act, whether to receive any money now current, or whether to insist on payment in the Currency the Law directs?

The memorialist therefore in behalf of the Loan officers as well as of himself, humbly requests the Hon^{ble} Congress will be pleased to give it as their opinion, whether the Loan officers, and consequently himself, shall receive any money that now passes current in this Colony, or whether payment must be insisted on in the money required by the said Law? And your memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Treasury Office, New York, March 7th 1776.

Election of officers for Cornwal.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 35.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Cornwal Pecenct held at the house John Brewster on Saturday the 2d of March 1776, the following Persons were returned as legally chosen for Officers in the several Companies to which they belong, viz: John M^c^Manus second Lieut^t^, Thomas Lammereaux Ensign in Cap^t^ Francis Smith's Company of Militia.

Gilbert Weeks, Ensign in Cap^t^ Christopher Vanduzer's Company of Militia.

William Bradley, Ensign in Cap^t^ Thomas Moffat's Company of Minute Men.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true account of the Returns made of due Elections for the above mentioned officers. By order of the Committee.

THOMAS MOFFAT, *Clk.*

Election of Officers in Dutchess County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 33.]

RYNBEEK, 7th March, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: This day at a meeting of the first Company in the first Battalion of the first Regiment of Foot in Dutchess County, held in Consequence of a Resolve of the Provincial Congress of the 22d of Aug^t^ 1775 made for the purpose of obtaining proper Officers for and puting the militia of this province on a Respectable footing and for filling vacancies made by Death or promotion of officers in the same at which meeting the following Gentlemen were Chosen or promoted by a Majority of the Voices of s^d^ Company as Officers Peter Westfall Captain, Willhelmes Smith First Lieutenant, Christopher Sneyder Second Lieutenant, Abraham Welch Ensign.

The above gentlemen we return to you for Commission being Duly Chosen.

SIMON WESTFALL,
WILLIAM BEAM,
JOHN WHITE,
Committee of Inspection preciding over Elections.

[Commissions dated 11th March, 1776.]

Election for Officers in Eastchester.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 144.]

MARCH 9 1776.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of East Chester for Choice of Militia Officers where chosen before us Daniel Searing and Stephen Sneden Committe, Thomas Pinckney Captain, William Pinckney firs Lieutenant, John Sneden second Lieutenant, William Reed Insign.

Election of Officers for Cow Neck, &c., L. I.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 53.]

IN COMMITTEE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COW NECK,
GREAT-NECK, &C., March 8th, 1776.

SIR,—Whereas the 1st Lieutenant of the Militia Company of this district did refuse to accept of the Commission, and as it was thought Inexpedient to Supercede the Inferior Officers against the General Sence of the Company, it therefore Became the part of prudence to Choose the three Lower Officers anew, We therefore recommend them as duly Elected, agreeable to the Recommendation of the Hon^l^ Provencial Congress of this Colony and Return them for Commissions Accordingly, Viz, Tho^s^ Mitchell 1st Lieutenant Aspinwell Cornwell 2d Lieutenant, Andrew Onderdonck Ensign.

By Order,

Mr. NATH^L^ WOODHULL, Esq. BENJ. SANDS, *Chairman.*

Committee of Cow Neck to the Provincial Congress.

[Mis. Papers, 35: 563.]

District of Cow Neck Great Neck, &c., March 9th 1776.

Sir: The committee have received a letter from your honorable body of the 15th of February* & as far as lay in their power complyed with its contents—But surely you could have collected more proof than all this? the answer is ready, their meetings were confined to their own party, their conclusions kept as secret as possible added to our living in a remote part of the County rendered our abilityes unequal to the task. We are however able to give an imperfect account of our own district wherein lives but one of the prescribed j. e. *Daniel Kissam* Esq & as this great man has been supposed by many the main spring in keeping up the Divisions in this County it may be a sufficient excuse for our being tedious on this head. We shall therefore with the utmost humility proceed to put our scattered materials in order for the Consideration of your honourable body—soon after this Gentl[n] left the Genl. assembly he appears in the light of

Danl. Whitehead Kissam, Cow Neck.

A Disperser of the Queens County Freeholder the dissign of this paper is glaring on its whole surface.

John Bertis Tanner, of Cow Neck.

He next appears the author of the Hempstead resolves and as the Queens County Freeholder Leveled its whole force at the very essence of a Continental Congress so these resolves struck at the total overthrow of provencial ones.

Henry Stocker & Capt. Richd. Thorn, Great Neck.

Soon after the Battle of Lexington this Gentl[n] roundly avows that the Bostonians fired first on the Kings troops, and that more of the Bostonians were killed than the Regulars, but as the publick prints gave the lye to this proposition it became necessary to ereet a new Battery—hence he asserts.

Obadiah Demelt, Cow Neck.

The newspapers are Lyes, he had private information that might be depended upon.

But this having no other foundation than his own assertion, the means were unequal to the end, here with an air of importance equal to its absurdity asserts.

Anna Repalie, Cow Neck.

Capt. M[c]Dougal says it is necessary to print untruths to keep up the spirits of the people, & Capt. Stephen Thorn is my author who heard him say so.

The populace took fire like hasty combustibles & altho Capt. Thorn denyed the Essential part of the charge yet it was impossible fully to prevent its effects.

Soon after the order of the Respectable Committee of safety for collecting some arms in Queens County this Gentleman attacked the Right.

John Birtis, Tanner, Cow Neck.

And openly declared that they were an unconstitutional body who had no legal existence & that he was determined to resist the order, but had it been the Contential Congress he would have submitted publickly for he did not deny their authority but spoke Respectfully of them.

But what is to be done for our friends in Boston the Friends to order and Good Government & Loyal Soldiary that are supporting the rights of the state & the very being of the constitution, who are starving by means of a Restrictiary act, Why this, says He, I'll do.

Culep Cornwell, Cow Neck.

I'll charter Capt. Thorn's sloop & send em provision notwithstanding an order from the Hon[ble] Congress to the contrary.

Mark the gradual steps of this Gent[n] to something of a more alarming dye, for things were no sooner ripe than he attacks the Hon. Continential Congress itself, hence

[Remainder missing.]

* Journ. N. Y. Prov. Cong., I., 300.

Disaffected Persons in New York City.

[Mil. Ret. 27 : 49.]

Appraisment of the Arms, &c., taken from the disaffected persons in this City agreeable to a resolve of the Honorable the Continental Congress of the 10th March, 1776.

	No.								
Charles Nicolls,	1	1 Gun,	£2	16	0				
	2	1 do.,	1	4	0				
		1 Silver Hilted Sword,	7	0	0				
						£11	0	0	
James Downes,	3	1 Gun,				3	12	0	
Samuel Sword,	4	1 Sword,				0	18	0	
William Bayard,	5	1 Gun,				4	12	0	
John King,	6	1 do.,				3	0	0	
William Winterton,	7	1 Cutlass,				0	5	0	
John L. C. Roome,	9	1 Gun and Bayonet,	3	12	0				
	9	1 Paunch Belt and Canteen,	0	16	0				
	9	1 plated Sword and Belt,	2	0	0				
	10	1 Silver Hilted Sword,	6	0	0				
						12	8	0	
Peter Mc Lean,	8	2 Guns & 1 old Sword,				2	0	0	
George Bell,	11	1 Gun and 1 Sword,				2	8	0	
Daniel Ebbets,	12	1 Gun,				3	12	0	
George Ball,	13	1 Gun,	3	0	0				
		1 pair pistols,	1	4	0				
		1 pair Holster do.,	1	12	0				
		2 Swords,	0	8	0				
						6	4	0	
Dennis Carlton,	14	1 pair pistols,	2	8	0				
		1 Morning Sword,	0	16	0				
						3	4	0	
Edward Doughty,	15	1 Gun,				0	8	0	
James Deas,	16	1 dart & mourning Sword,				1	0	0	
John W. Vredenbergh,	17	1 Gun,	2	0	0				
	18	1 do.,	3	10	0				
	19	1 do.,	3	10	0				
		1 Cutlass,	0	6	0				
						8	6	0	
William Shipten,	20	1 Gun,				4	16	0	
Francis Panton,	21	1 Gun,	0	10	0				
		2 Swords,	0	12	0				
						1	2	0	
Isaac Heron,	22	1 Sword & Sword Blade, & 1 pistol,				1	4	0	
Henry Ustick,	23	1 pistol, 1 Sword, & Flints (28),				1	2	0	
John B. Ling,	24	1 Sword Blade, Bayonet, and Belt,				0	12	0	
Robert Hull,	25	1 Gun,				1	16	0	
Alexander Leslie,		1 Bayonet,				0	2	0	
James Halden,	26	1 Gun & Bayonet,				3	4	0	
Benjamin Stout,	27	1 pair of Pistols,				1	16	0	
John Richardson	28	1 Gun,	14	0	0				
	29	1 do.,	14	0	0				
	30	1 do., & Bayonet,	7	12	0				
	31	4 do., at 50*s*.,	10	10	0				
	32	1 pair Brass Barrel Pistols,	8	10	0				
	33	Cartouch Belt and some Ball,	0	16	0				
						54	18	0	

	No.						
Thomas Warner,	34	1 Sword,				£0	4 0
Samuel S. Skinner,	35	1 Small Blunderbus,	£1	10	0		
		1 pair pocket pistols,	2	0	0		
						3	10 0
John Leary,		1 Sword (worth nothing),				0	0 0
Edward Laight,	36	1 powder Horn,				0	2 0
Daniel Tucker,	37	1 Gun & 1 Sword,				3	4 0
Stephen Crossfield,	38	1 Gun & 2 Swords,				2	0 0
John Faulkner,	39	1 Gun,				0	16 0
Goldsbrow Banyar,	40	2 do.,				4	16 0
Joseph Totten,	41	1 Gun,	0	12	0		
		2 Swords,	1	4	0		
		4½ lb. Ball,	0	2	6		
						1	18 6
John Muelebray,	42	1 Gun Sword and 2 Cartouch Boxes,				1	12 0
Benjamin Huggit,	43	1 Riffle Gun,	1	12	0		
	44	1 Halbert and Cartouch Box,	0	8	0		
						2	0 0
Henry Law,	45	1 Gun,	2	16	0		
		1 Hanger,	0	8	0		
		3 powder Horns,	0	6	0		
		Powder,	0	8	0		
						3	18 0
Rem Rapalje,	46	4 Guns 1 Pistol,				1	12 0
Alexander Fink,	47	1 Gun & 1 Bayonet,	4	0	0		
	48	Sword Cartouch Box and Belt,	1	0	0		
						5	0 0
Francis Groome,		Bayonet and Belt property of one of the Provincial Soldiers,					
John Clarke,	49	Sword and Flints,				0	4 0
Christopher Benson,		1 Cartouch Box,				0	12 6
Stephen Kibble,	50	1 Gun,				2	10 0
Philip Miller,	51	1 Gun & Bayonet,	2	16	0		
		Cartouch Box & 2 old Swords,	0	8	0		
						3	14 0
John Smith,	52	1 Gun & Bayonet,	2	0	0		
	53	1 Sword and Cartouch Box,	0	8	0		
						2	8 0
Baltus Dash,	54	1 Blunderbess,	3	4	0		
		2 Pistols,	1	0	0		
						4	4 0
Sebastian Lucas,	55	1 Gun,	1	12	0		
	56	1 do.,	0	16	0		
						2	8 0
Thomas Colgan,	57	1 do.,				1	16 0
George Wollegrove,	58	1 Gun & Cartouch Box,	1	8	0		
		9 lb. Iron Ball,	0	6	0		
						1	14 0
Benjamin Williams,	59	1 Gun,				0	16 0
Manuel Josephsen,	60	2 Guns,	4	0	0		
	61	1 Gun & Cutlass,	0	16	0		
	62	1 Gun & Bayonet,	2	8	0		
						7	4 0

	No.						
James Lamasue,.....	63	1 Gun pistol & Sword,.....				£3	4 0
Michael Zise, ...	64	1 Gun,.....	£2	8	0		
	65	1 do.,.....	2	0	0		
		1 pair pistols,.....	0	16	0		
		3 Swords, ...	0	12	0		
						5	16 0
John Amar,.....	66	1 Gun,.....				0	8 0
Thomas Brownjohn, ...	67	1 Gun Barrel, ...				0	6 0
Richard Sibley, ...		1 Sword,.....				0	4 0
William Scott, ...		1 pistol, ...				0	4 0
James Long,.....		1 pair pistols,..... ...				2	0 0
						£203	4 0

We the Subscribers being duly Sworn did Appraise the aforegoing Arms.

WILLIAM ALLEN.
JACAMIAH ALLEN.

None or very few of the Arms &c mentioned in this list are fitt for immediate service.

GARRET ABEEL, *Chairman.*

Return of Officers for Kings County Regiment.

[Mil. Com. 25: 857; Mil. Ret. 27 : 160; Miscel. Papers, 39 : 373.]

At a meeting of the Committee of Kings County the 11th of March 1776, Elected the following persons field officers of the Kings County, of Militia, To wit:

Rutgert Van Brunt, & Nichs Couwenhoven, } Coll

Johannes Titus, first Major,
John Vanderbilt, second ditto,
George Carpenter, Adjutant,
Nichs Couwenhoven Junr Quarter Master.

Reasons assigned by Colo Van Brunt for granting Commissions to the Gentlemen appointed by the Field Officers of Kings County to the Company raised by drafting one fourth part of the Militia to serve in Colo Smiths Regiment, pursuant to the Resolutions of the Convention of this State of the 20th July last.

1st The field officers exerted themselves to prevail on some of the officers to go Volunteers into that service, but were unsuccessful with them.

2dly The Gentlemen nominated by the Committee for that Service, are Volunteers and chearfully offered their services to their Country in their present stations.

3rdly The Gentlemen appointed by the Committee are much better qualified for the stations to which they were nominated than most of the officers in that County; those young Gentlemen having besides the advantages of Education, given their attention to perfect themselves in the military art (particularly Mr. David Clarkson, nominated for Captain) which enables them to train and properly discipline their men sooner than officers unacquainted with their Duty.

4th The Officers nominated by the Committee are very acceptable to the Militia they now command; and a good Harmony subsists in the Company, which must evidently be an advantage to the Service.

5th Those Gentlemen have now been for some time past exercising the offices to which they were Nominated, and they have been named both to General Green and Colo Smith as the officers of that Company.

6th General Green was much pleased with the nomination of David Clarkson Junr as Captain, and said he was a proper person; and Colonel Smith has declared his full approbation of all the young Gentlemen as officers in his Regiment which has induced them to endeavour to exert themselves in their Duty hitherto.

The Gentelmen nominated and now officiating in that Company, are:

Mr. David Clarkson, Junr Captain.
Mr. Nicholas Van Brunt, 1st Lieutenant.
Mr. Micheal Van Cleef, 2d Lieutenant.

Mr. Hermanus Casper to be a Lieutenant to command twenty men if so many should remain to make one fourth part of the militia—he has by the returns about 16 or 17 men.

R. VAN BRUNT.

Officers who refused to enter Voluntarily into the Service:

Adrian Van Brunt, Capt.	Samll Hubbard, Lieut.
Rem Williamson, Capt.	Gerritt Williamson, Do.
Jeremiah Vanderbilt, Capt.	Oliver Stombout, Do.
Cornelius Vanderveer, Capt.	Thomas Elsworth, Do.
Hermanus Bairaeks Low, Lieut. [Barkulo.]	Peter Lefferts, Do.
Adrian Hagerman, Do.	John Vandine, Do.

Two Captains turned out, viz: Captn Barn Johnson and John Titus.

I do hereby Certify that David Clarkson was appointed a Captain, Nicholas Van Brunt first Lieutenant, and Michael Van Clief 2nd Lieutenant of a Company belonging to Colo Josiah Smith's Regiment, and Hermanus Casper a Lieutenant for 20 men for the same Regiment, none of the Militia Officers consenting to serve. The above appointment was made by the Field Officers of my Regiment.

R. VAN BRUNT, Colo

Muster Roll of the Orange Town Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 120.]

List of the Regiment of the Militia of Foot of Orange Town and Precenct of Orange in Orange County, in the Colony of New York, Returned March 12, 1776:

Field Officers

Abranam Lent, Colonel.
Johannis D. Blauveldt, 2d Colonel.
Johannis Jos. Blauveldt, 1st Major.
Abraham D. Blauveldt, 2d Major.
Jocobus De Clerk, Adjutant.
Isaac Perry, Quarter Master.

First Company.

Isaac Smith, Captain,	Thunis Smith,	John Cromwel,
Johannis Blauveldt,	Matys Achersen,	Jacobus Johs Blauveldt,
William Sickels,	Johannis Sickels,	Isaac Pew,
Lambert Smith,	John Hoogenkamp,	David C. Blauveldt,
Nicholas Sickels,	Cornelius Blauveldt,	John King,
Johannis D. Blauveldt,	David Smith,	John Straat,
Casparis Mabie,	Garrit Talman,	Jacob Straat,
Jacob Achersen,	Cornelius Johs Blauveldt,	Thunis Blauveldt,
Cornelius Smith,	Joseph Blauveldt,	Peter Pew,
Robert Sickels,	John Talman,	Peter Pew, Junr
Garrit Blauveldt,	Cornelius Smith, Junr	Jacobus Perry,
Cornelius Corns Smith,	Johannis Grt Blauveldt,	David D. Blauveldt,
Thunis Cooper,	Isaac Tabs Blauveldt,	Cornelius Mabie,
David Acherson,	Gysbert Bogart,	Jerrimy Mabie,
John George Wintlinger,	Johannis Johs Blauveldt	Garrit Blauveldt,
Garrit Smith,	Henrick Blauveldt,	Isaac Blauveldt,
Cobus Smith,	David Bogart,	John Blauveldt,
Johannis Jas Blauveldt,	Abraham Blauveldt,	John Perry,
Joseph Blauveldt	Daniel Blauveldt,	John Mabie.
Isaac Harring,	Joost Degroet,	

Total amount of arms and amunition: Muskets 58; Swords 53; Belts 39; Cartridges 54; lbs. of Powder 28; lbs. of Balls 144; Flints 294.

Second Company.

Johannis Bell, Captain,	Robert Sneeden,	Barnardus Ver Bryck,
John Sicher,	William Sursint,	Abraham Joh[s] Blauveldt,
Harremanis Talliman,	Matias Conklin,	Jacob Nees,
John Camble,	Abraham Talman,	Michel Vander Voort,
John Wenterfield,	Are Camble,	Abraham Smith,
Garret Blauveldt,	William Graham,	Isaac Mabie,
John Van Houtay,	John Mattin,	Joseph Witten,
David Alyee,	John Sneeden,	Michel Onterzee,
Coraed Gravenstin,	Jesper Sneeden,	Are King,
Snedewele Jacklin,	John Ryker,	Walter King,
Matias Conklin,	John Lawrence,	Jacob King,
John Hendricks,	James Edwards,	Hendrick Hendrickson,
John Gasner,	Garret Ackersen,	Jacobus Hendrickson,
Samuel Sneeden,	Daniel Onderdonk,	Henrick S. Bell,
Jacob Woolsay,	Hendreck Bell,	Jacobus Bogert,
William Bell, Jun[r]	Jacob Achersen,	Peter Lent,
John M[c]Queen,	Abraham Post,	William Conklin,
Isaac Onderdonk,	George Man,	Jacobus Terneur,
Jacob Gasner,	Edward Jeffers,	John Ackerman,
John Conklin,	Hendrick Smith,	Jacobus Blauveldt,
John Smith,	Frederick Blauveldt,	John Mabie.
Abraham Mabie,	Joost Mabie,	
Lawrenee Brigs,	Jacob Garrebrants,	

Total amount of arms and ammunition: Muskets 59; Swords 53; Belts 48; Cartridge Boxes 43; lbs. of Powder 22; lbs. of Balls 129; Flints 469.

ABRAHAM LENT.

Orange Town, March 12, 1776.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 118.]

These are to Certify that at a Meeting of the Orange town Minute Company, on tuesday the Twelfth Day of March Anno Domini One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy six, they Unanimously Elected the following persons for their officers, to wit, Johannes Ja[s]. Blauvelt Captain, James Lent first Lieut[t], James Smith second Lieut[t] and Johannes T: Haring Ensign. Witness our Hands.

CASPARUS MEALY, his x mark

HENRY HENDRIX,

March 12[th] 1776. Committee men who superintended the election.

Petition of William Gandell.

[Petitions, 32: 151.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress held for the Province of New York.

The Petition of William Gandell of the City of New York Mariner, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner was born in, and still is an inhabitant of the City of New York, and has followed the Sea both as Master & Mate out of this Port for some time last past.

That your Petitioner is well affected to the cause of his country, and is out of employ on Account of the distressed times, and seeing no probable way to get into Business again, for to maintain his Wife & children untill matters are accommodated. And your Petitioner understanding that there is a Vacancy for a Lieutenant in

one or more of the Artillery Companies raised in this City, as also of Masters & Lieutenants in the Vessells in the Lakes, and likewise in those that are building up the North River, he offers himself as a proper person to fill up either of the said Vacancies.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Honorable House will take his Case into their most Serious Consideration and grant him a Commission in either of the above mentioned Vacancies as they in their wisdom shall think most proper.

And your petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

New York, March 14th 1776.

Return of the South Ulster (now Orange) Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 146.]

To the Honbl Provincial Congress New York

Gentelmen: Agreeibel to your Resilousion and Orders of the forth Inst I make the folowing Return of the Number of Officers and Men in Each Company Together With the Number of Minute Men Turned out of Each, In the Secondd Regiment of Militia in the South End of Ulster County now Commanded by James McClaughry Lieut Colo

First Company. Capt Watkins.		*Forth Company.* Mathew Felter, Capt	
Commitioned Officers,	4	Commitioned Officers,	3
Non Commitioned Officers,	8	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark & Drummer,	2	Clark Drum & fife,	3
Privits,	49	Privits,	48
Minute Men,	19	Minute Men,	0
	—	Commitioned,	1
	82	Privits,	13
			—
			76

Second Company. Capt Nicklor, Esqr		*Fifth Company.* William Falkner, Capt	
Commitioned Officers,	4	Commitioned Officers,	4
Non Commitioned Officers,	8	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark Drum, & Fife,	3	Clark Drum & Fife,	3
privits,	60	Privits,	45
Minute Men,	17	Minute Men,	28
	—		—
	92		88

Third Company. Capt William Jackson.		*Sixth Company.* Jacob Dewit, Capt	
Commitioned Officers,	3	Commitioned Officers,	4
Non Commitioned Officers,	7	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark & Drumer	2	Clark Drum & Fife	3
Privits,	68	Privits,	51
The Above has been in the Minute Servis And now Returns them selves as such.		Torys,	2
		Minute Men,	0
Commitioned Officer,	1		—
Non Commitioned Officer,	1		68
Privits,	32		
	—		
	114		

Seventh Company. Jaˢ Milegen Capᵗ		*Tenth Company.* John Crage, Capᵗ	
Commitioned Officers,	4	Commitioned Officers,	4
Non Commitioned,	8	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark Drum & Fife,	3	Clark and Drummer,	2
Privits,	55	Rank and File,	46
Minute Men,	15	Minute Men,	0
	85		60

Eight Company. John Belknap, Capᵗ		*Eleventh Company.* William Deniston, Capᵗ	
Commitioned Officers,	4	Commitioned Officers,	4
Non Commitioned Officers,	8	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark Drum & Fife,	3	Clark Drum & Fife,	3
Privits,	46	Rank and File,	35
Minute Men,	6	Minute Men,	00
Listed in The provincials,	14		50
	81		

Ninth Company. William Telford, Capᵗ		*Twelvth Company.* Isaiah Veail, Capᵗ	
Commitioned Officers,	4	Commitioned officers,	4
Non Commitioned Officers,	7	Non Commitioned Officers,	8
Clark Drum and Fife,	3	Clark & Drum,	2
Privits,	54	Rank & File,	51
The Above has Turned out Minute Men The 1ˢᵗ of This Inst.		Minute Men,	6
Listed in the provincial,	7		71
Militia,	21		
	96		

Total	963
Minute Men	253
Militia	710

Gentelmen: The above is as True A Return as I Can Obtain at present I have not yet got a proper Return of the Arms and Aminishion but as Soon as Obtained, Will make A proper Return But to My Own Knowledge There is a great many poor men And New Commers that has no Arms in the Old part of the Regiment but much more so in the back Companys Setteled in the Woods Nor Can they get Them on any Terms We Furnished Capᵗ now Coll Nicholsens Company With Arms Last Summer Which Makes Them So Scarce, as for Amunition There is Very Little In this Regiment And None to be had for Love or Money. Gentelmen I am Very Aprehensif That it will become Very Deficuilt if Not Impractible to Rase the Minute Men Every fore Months, from an AVersion The Militia of This Regiment has to go Abroad Under the Command of any other parson Whatsoever but the Militia offieers Already Chose By themselves, or set Over them by the Congress, Therefore Humbly Beg Leave to Lay before you for your Consideration A Method Fell into With Suckcess by Us Of this part of the Fronteir Last Indien Warr which May be Very Easeyly Extended Through the Whole County or province (Viz) There Is fore Regiments in This County Let the Feild Oficers All meet take The first Colnˡ of One Regiment A Lieut Coll out of The Second Regiment A Magʳ out of the Third Regiment and an Augident Out of the forth Regiment and so on Till The are Devided Into fore Corps, One too Three and fore, so as not to take more out of one Regiment Then Another Allowing the first to Take the Command of the Minute Men for the first fore months, the Second for the Second Fore Months, The Third

and forth in Like maner which Make Sixteen Months, Then Allow Number one to begin as before by Which Meains the may Continue to The End of the War Without Confusion, There is Likewais Twelve Companys in this Reg[t] Devide them Into three parts Fore Companys in Each part, Let their Officers Devide Into fore parts As before then Let them Ballet or take it by Rank as Above Mencioned Then Let Each Company be Devided into fore Ranks so as not to take Too men out of A family into a Rank, With a Sargent on the Right of Each Rank When Thus Devided Let The Fore Sargents Draw Fore Ballets Which will Devide them into foro Squads First Second Third and forth to Continue so to The End of the War this I blieve the Men Would Redily fall in With And in A great Measure prevent the present and Incresing Evil Which We Now Labor Under, From a number of Unqualified Men Seting Up for Minute Officers and (paper torn) Opsition to Each Other, and Worse Stil for Such as Get In Na (paper torn) Aquip Themselves at the Expense of Fifteen or Twenty pounds (paper torn) -le to their Stations, and then to Often, Acts so Much the Fop or Bux That They Render Themselves Disagreeibel to the Men and of Consequence Stands no Chance to be Chosen Again, Thus Just When The have Flutered About in their New feathers, A few Days the find Themselves Under the Disagribel Necesity of Returning back to Their former Rank or become A Useless Exempt, If it be obiected that The Above Method Would Weaken the Militia of Officers I answer that there is Nothing More Common in the Regular Army Then Detachments Upon All Occations Where the Army is not all to Act at Once But if it be Still Obiected to the Congress may Doble all The Field Officers as the Have Don with the Magors that is Make two Lieu[t] Coll[s] two Adgients and two Quarter Masters in Each Regiment Which I humbly presume Will Answer Every purpose Requiest for Minute Men and Also Keep us In peace Amongst our Selves as there is Nothing More Necesary in our present Deficulitys, I am Gentlemen With the Greatest Respect Your Much Obliged Very Humble Servant

March 16[th] 1776. JA[s] M[c]CLAUGHIRY.

Petition of Jacamiah Allen.

[Mil. Ret. 32: 130.]

To the Honorable the Provintial Congress for the City and County of New York.

Gentelmen: At the request of Colonel Drake I beg leave to acquaint you I have now eighty-two gun[s] unspiked and within three weeks from this date doubt not but I shall be able to Compleat the whole.

Though, gentelmen, pleas to observe the assistance I expected to have from Mr. Bartly's Gard I could not obtain, they Declaring their agreement with M[r] Bartley was to gard the guns from seven o'clock in the evening to six in the morning for which they received 10 shillings per week per man and find themselves, the Gard consists of six men. Being thus Dissapointed was oblig'd to give one of his Gard's thirty-six shillings per week, and others at that rate accationly, to assist in the fires which is generally composed of two or three cords of wood in which the guns is to be raised and tended both night and day in order to soften the spikes.

My Brother who left the Cannon last Thursday informs me the assisstance of gard[s] was ask'd in moving the guns from M[r] William's and Dinied and countenas'd by M[r] Bartley.

Therefore, gentelmen, beg leaf to offer my service once more to gard the guns which I am willing to do, at one half of what M[r] Bartley gets whils[t] I am unspikeing the cannon, and as much longer as you shall think fit as their is a number of cannons not spiked but loaded and stopped with stones and other Rubbish, at the same time mean to employ such men for gard[s] as will Clear the guns and fit them for service. Concius under such a circumstance the Buisness will not want assistanc nor unworthey men receive your favor. From your obedient and hum[ble] Serv[t]

March 16, 1776, JACAMIAH ALLEN.

Officers of Different Beats in New York.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 156; Miscel. Pap. 39: 190.]

First Company in the 2d Battalion.

Wm Heyer, Colo
Jeremiah Wool, Capt
Henry Rutgers, Junr 1st Lieut.
John McComb, 2d Lieut.
John Elliot, Ensign.

Beat 23.

John Buchanan, Capt.
Adolph De Grove, Junr first Lieut.
Jonathan Peck, second Lieut.
Joseph Latham, Junr Ensign.

Beat 6.

William Remson, Capt
Banack Hayes, first Lieut.
Abraham Van Varik, second Lieut.
Jacob Remsen, Junr Ensign.

Beat 11.

Pardon Burlingham, Capt.
Henry York first Lieut.
Thos Vanpelt, second Lieut.
Anthony Ford, Ensign.

Beat 2.

Jacob Brewerton, Junr second Lieut.
Abraham Brewer, Ensign.

Beat 10.

Abraham Van Wyck, Captain.

Beat 20.

Wymant Kettletas, Captain.
Daniel McCormick, first Lieut.
Henry Mitchel, second Lieut.
William Smith, Ensign.

22d Beat.

Benjamin Egbert Capt
John Stout, 1st Lieut.
William Houseman, Ensign.
Cosby Hunt, Clerk.
William Ball, Sergt
Edward Welsh, Do.
Jacob Scudder, Do.
Nicholas Connery, Do.
Fredk Bassett's Tom, Drummer.

Effiingham Embrie,
Thos Tothen,
David Morrison, half day.
John Danelson, Do.
Lewis Rogers,
Daniel McNeal,
Jonathan Hutchins,
White Matlack,
Wm Matlack,
Garret Beekman,
Jacob Collit,
Wm Wallton,
John Retgers,
Morris Earl,
Gilbt Giles,
Gilbt Giles, Junr
Saml Haviland,
John Webbers,
John Byvank,
Fredk Shonnerd,
John Lockhart,
Francis Conniham,
John Fisher,
Charles Duryee,
Saml Connery,
Wright White,
Silvanus Dickinson,
Cornelius Vanranst,
John Shaw,
James Rogers,
David Plumb,
Thomas Budd,
Jesse Smith,
Fredk Bassett,
Jacob Watson,
Daniel McFarland,
James Durand,
James McKenny,
James Mitchell.

Negroes Belonging to 22d Beat at Work.

Pomp, ... Mr Lott.
Ceasar, ... Mr Laight (not in Beat).
Peter, ... Captn Lighburn.
Peter, ... Benjn Moore.
Sam, ... Benjn Moore.
Jo, ... Mr Walton.
Cubitt, ... Capt Lighburn.
Simms, ... Capt Lighburn.
John, ... Mr Lamb.
Jo, ... Mr Drake.
Cato, ... Mr Fine.

Amount of Officers & Privates of ye 22d Beat at work 17 March. 59 Men.

BENJN EGBERT, Capt

Petition from Marbletown, Ulster County.

[Petitions, 32: 302.]

Marbletown, March 1776.

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York,

The Petition of Jasiah Roberson, Johannis Tack, &c., of Marbletown, in the County of Ulster and Province of New York, Humbly Sheweth, That whereas the township of Marbleton formerly contained a suffitiant number of men for three distinct companys of Militia which altho' Encreased Since that time, was by the com-

mittee of said town for Local conveniences only Divided into two Beats or Districts and Now forms two companeys of upwards of one Hundred men each, And whereas certain Dissatisfactions have arisen about the choice of a Cap^{t} in the South West district of said township, which we Humbly conceive may have an evil tendency to disunite the good people of this town, if some suitable remedy be not applyed in time.

And whereas it is judged that the most effectual method for removing Dissatisfactions from amongst us whould be for to raise a company of Granadiers under the command of Charles W. Brodhead Capt^{n}; Jacob Delamater 1st Lieutenant; Moses M. Cantine 2nd Lieut., and Jacob Chambers Ensin.

We therefore (having obtained the previous approbation of the commanding officer of this Regiment together with y^{e} committee and y^{e} officers of y^{e} militia of said township) Humbly pray that we may be Imbodyed into a company of Granadiers in said Regiment, and that the said Charles W. Brodhead, Jacob Delamater, Moses M. Cantine and Jacob Chambers may be commissioned as above mentioned, and your petitioners shall ever pray.

Cornelius Tack,	John Roosa,	James Peresoneus,
Cornalis Knaest,	Martinus Oosterhout,	John M^{c}Kenry,
Thomas Schoonmaker,	Harmanis Oosterhout,	Johannis Van Leuven,
John Sluyter,	John A. Van Wagener,	David Hilkins,
Jacob S. freer,	Peter Van Wagener, Jun^{r}	Daniel Mowers,
Benoni Mulks,	Joh^{s} Krom,	Petrus Mowers,
Johannis G. Rosa,	Will^{m} Krom,	William Love,
Dirck Chambers,	Jacob Rapelya,	Edwart Deval,
James Mckemson,	John Vandemerken,	Aldert Roosa,
John Raplegh,	Wilhelmus Roossa,	William Hardy,
Will^{m} Cantine,	Lues Brodhead,	John Cantine, Jun
Solomon Vandemark,	Mindert Newkirk,	Robbert Has,
Thomas Chambers,	Peter P. Oosterhoudt,	Abraham Saler,
Arie Tack,	John Davis,	Daniel Schoanmak, Jun^{r}
Isaac Robison,	James Robison,	Samuel Dodge.
John Cusnehan,	Sammual Brodhead,	
Joseph Chambers,	Levi Powling, Jun^{r}	

(Indorsed March 20, 1776.) Petition of the Marbletonians. They are grown to the stature of Grenadiers. Let them be commanded as such by Charles W. Brodhead. Amen.

Petition of Bernard Romans.

[Petitions, 32: 304.]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety at New York.

The Humble Petition of Bernard Romans sheweth, That your humble petitioner was sometime since at Philadelphia with the honourable the Continental Congress upon the Business of his then office, & that he then and there had the pleasure to meet with an entire approbation of his conduct.

Whereupon said Honble Congress passed a vote that it was reasonable your Humble petitioner should be paid up to the date of his new commission—in consequence of which a resolve was made which your humble petitioner has brought here and which has been laid before your honorable Board.

The time has now expired in which your humble petitioner was to have appeared at the head of his company and want of money prevents it. Your humble petitioner therefore prays an order may be granted him pursuant to the said resolve of Congress that he may be enabled to proceed and save his honor & your petitioner shall ever pray, &c. B. ROMANS.

New York, 18th March, 1776.

(Indorsed) Petition of B. Romans. He wants money which he never earned.

Officers of Minute Men in Colonel Swartwout's Regiment.

[Mil. Rep. 27: 158.]

March 18th 1776.

William Clarke, Capt; gilbert Strang, First Lieut.; Abraham Hyett, Sd Do. Gentn be good a nugh to make out the Foregoing Commissions in my Regt of Minute Men. JACOBUS SWARTWOUT, Colo

To the Honourable provencial Congress of New York.

Officers of the Yonkers Company.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 142.]

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants in the precinct of Yonkers, the following officers where Chose Before us Frederick Van Cortland and Thomas Emmans, two of the Sub Committee for said Precinct ye 18 day March 1776 viz.: John Warner Captain, Jacob Post first Lievtenant, Samuell Lawrence second Lieutenant, Isaac Post, Ensign.

William Powell to the N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 133.]

New York, March 20th 1776.

Sir: Having a Permit from the Committee of this city to sail in Balast for St. Croix and as I am under a st Christopher's Register and going out with a Westindia Family my friends Inform me I may probably get a permit under those circumstances to sail by the Man of war and wou'd request of you to obtain leave from your Honourable House for me to go on Board of the man of war to solicit it which will much oblige Sir your most Obedt Servt WM POWELL.

To the Chairman of the Honble Provincial Congress of New York.

(Indorsed.) Refused.

John Blackler to New York Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 120.]

Esopus Goal, March 20th 1776.

Gentlemen: Conscious of my own Innocence as to acting any ways deragatory from the rules established by the Congress, I am embolden'd to flatter myself my Crime cannot be of so henious a nature but that my present Punishment is sufficient, I have been now confined upwards of one Hundred Days without the least prospect of enlargment on the one hand, and my inevitable ruin on the other, had I ever directly or indirectly been employed in the present unhappy Contest, I should not have murmer'd, but on bare suspision to be sent away from my Friends, and the means of support, surely is cruel, the term limited by the Honourable the Continental Congress for a Capital Offender is but three months Imprisonment, that time (if I am made to appear in that light) is expired. All I crave is Liberty to return to my native Country in order to live peacibly if possible, or should not that be agreeable, permission to seek a living within any bounds you may think proper to allow, and on the breach of such restriction, my life shall pay the forfet. Should I be so happy to merrit your attention it shall ever with a most grateful Heart be acknowledged by

Gentlemen Your most obedt Humble Servt

JOHN BLACKLER.

(Indorsed.) Discharged.

Account of Provisions in the City of New York the 20th March, 1776, taken by order of the General Committee, viz:

[Mil. Ret. 27: 150.]

	bbrs. Pork.	bbrs. Flour.	bbrs. Beef.	Tons Bar Iron.
Comfort Sands, abt	....	....	....	5
John Byvanck,	....	....	....	5
John Duryea,	....	30	....	....
Jacob Duryea,	....	70	....	....
John Aurthers,	....	....	....	....
David Ustice Boatman,	4	....	....	....
Henry Sleght,	....	200	....	....
Joseph Hallet,	....	....	....	½
James & Alex'r Stewart,	....	....	....	5
Wickham & Sickles,	....	....	10	....
D. Brinckerhoff, Jun'r	....	190	....	....
Ten Eyck & Seamans,	....	383	....	....
George Remsen,	2	....	4	....
Capt. Lawrence of Frost,	....	....	16	....
Jacob Remsen,	....	30	....	....
Mr. Elleses Sloop,	3	223	....	....
Mr. Elleses celler,	2	....	....	....
Garrit Abell,	....	....	....	3½
Theodoris Van Wick	....	1000	....	3
Abraham Brinckerhoff	....	30	....	....
Widow Bancker,	....	90	....	....
Evert Byvanck, Jun'r	....	....	....	1
Isaac Low, Esq'r	....	....	....	1
Henry Remsen, Esq'r	....	....	....	½
Denis McReady,	....	....	....	6
Mott & Bowne,	....	10	....	....
James Parsons,	....	12	....	....
Tho's Parsall,	32	....	....	....
Robt. & James Totten,	....	....	....	¼
Wm Elsworth,	....	70	....	..
Benj Hugget,	. ..	81	....	....
Chris't Valkenburges Sloop,	....	85	10	....
Jn'o & Ab'm Mcseir,	....	....	....	¼
Jacob Vorhees,	....	190	....	....
Wm. Denning,	....	....	13	....
Jn'o Turman, for whaling Co.,	60	....	50	1
Arche Currey,	....	....	....	½
Peter Curtenious,	3	....	....	....
	106	2694	97	32½

We the Sub-committe appointed by the General Committe for the City and County of New York, By Directions of the Committe of Safety for the Province of New York, do Report that we have Inspected into the State of Provisions, and Barr Iron, and find it according to the beforegoing List.

LUKE KIERSTED,
PETRUS BYVANCK,
FRANS BASSETT.

New York, March 20th 1776.

Muster Roll of part of Capt. Swartwout's Company.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 721.]

A Muster Roll of Part of Capt. Abraham Swartwout's Company taken at his paticular Request at Poughkeepsie Dutchess County March 22d 1776.

Name.	Where born.	Age.
James Van Kleek,	N. York,	16
John McNeal,	Dutchess Co.,	16
Jeremiah Griggs,		16
Richard Warner,	Westchester,	50

Name.	Where born.	Age.
Joseph Valentine,	Long Island,	23
Francis Nellson,	Dutchess,	21
Reuben Brooks Waiter,	Dutchess,	
Henry Weaver,	Ulster,	18
John Jones,	Pensylv,	20
Reuben Nellson,	Dutchess,	20
Othniel Preston,	Rhode Isl[d]	21
Christian Alloon,	Germany,	42
William Smith,	Scotland,	22
John Vantine,	Ocean,	45
John Rynder,	Dutchess	17
David Austin,		19
Abraham Tompkins,		17
William Sephir,	Westchester Co.,	30
Joseph Taylor,	Long Island,	29
Richard Barns,	Do	21

GILBERT LIVINGSTON.

Azor Betts to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 122.]

Esopus Goal, March 25[th] 1776.

Gentlemen: I flatter myself my present melancholy situation will be a sufficient pardon for this intrusion but where can the wretched fly for shelter but to those where the power of extricating them is lodged, by the last Post Gentlemen, I troubled you with a Petition the purport of which I am willing most solemnly to adhear to, and as the inevitable ruin of myself and Familly must be the certain Issue of my Confinement, therefore trust to your Clemency for my Enlargement w[ch] if I am so happy to obtain shall ever with gratitude be rememberd by Gentlemen y[r] very obed[t] Hum[ble] serv[t] AZOR BETTS.

Return of the Jamaica Company.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 138, 140.]

We whose names are hereunto Subscribed being part of the Inhabitants of Queens County according to the Resolutions and Recommendations of the Honourable the Continental and Provincial Congress, do associate and form ourselves into a Company of Militia and have chosen Ephraim Baylis to be our Captain, Increase Carpenter to be our first Lieutenant, Abraham Vanausdall to be our second Lieutenant, Othniel Smith to be our Ensign.

And do Recommend them to the Hon[ble] Congress to be by them Commissioned as such persons whom we do choose to serve under, witness our hands March 22, 1776.

Nathaniel Box,	John Amberman,	Jonathan Thurston,
Nehemiah Higby,	Cornelius Lamberson,	Joseph Reed,
William Stine,	Nicholas Lamberson,	John Smith,
Peter Noorstrant,	Bernardus Ryder, Junier,	Plat Smith,
John Lossee,	Bernardus Lamberson,	Othniel Smith,
Isaac Van Ausdoll,	Nicholas Lamberson, Jun[r]	Amos Denton, Junier,
Peter Fredrick, Junier,	Ephraim Bayley, Esquier,	Daniel Ludlam,
Abram Van Ausdoll,	Nehemiah Carpenter,	Increase Carpenter,
Noah Smith, Junier,	Nehemiah Carpenter,	Andrew Oakley,
John Mills, Junier,	Nehemiah Carpenter,	William Forbes,
Daniel Smith,	Isaac Roads,	Nehemiah Smith,
Albert Hendrickson,	Samuel Messenger,	Abraham Colyer,
Augustine Betts,	Timothy Denton,	Daniel Thuttle,

Hendrick Hendrickson, blacksmith.

Wee the subscribers the officers of the Battallion or in the County of Queeans & Collony of New York Do hereby Promise and Engage under all the ties of Religion honour and Regard to our Country that we will Respectively duly observe and carry into Execution to the utmost of our power all and Every the orders rules and Recommendations made or to be made by the Continental Congress and the Congress or Convention of this Colony that we will also give in our Respective ranks due obedience to the Regulations by them Established for the forming of the Militia in this Colony as also due obedience to such officers who Either by rank or superiority are placed above us in such order as is directed by the said Continental or provincial Congress.

EPHRAIM BAYLIS,
INCREASE CARPENTER,
ABRAM VANARSDALLE,
OTHNIEL SMITH.

We whoes names are here unto subscribed Being Freeholders and Inhabitants of Jamaica in Queens County on Long Island in the Province of New York Do Certify to the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Province of New York that the above named Persons ware Elected agreable to the method Recommend by the Provincial Congress for the Regulating of the Militia of this Province and we do further Certify that the above Persons singe the above Decleration in our Presence.

JOSEPH ROBINSON.
DANIEL TUTHILL.

[Commissions issued 27 March, 1776.]

Officers of the Coram Company, Suffolk County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 43.]

Coram, March the 27th 1776.

The parties drawn from the four Brookhaven Companies met agreeable to the Collonels orders, and Chose their Officers which were the following persons: Selah Strong, Esqr Captain, William Clark first Lieutenant, Cabel Brewster second Lieutenant, Nathanael Brewster, Ensign.

Chosen before us,
NATHANAEL ROE,
SAMUEL THOMPSON,
Committee Men.

Officers of the Cornwall Company, Orange County.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 37.]

March ye 28, 1776.

We the subscribers, two of the Commity of Cornwell have this day attended the choice of three Oficers under Cap Samuel Rayment, Do Return the following, viz: Richard Landon, first Leftennant, Vincent Hellems, second Lieutenant, and Wathan Junr, Ensin, as persons Duly Elected, Chosen Before us.

JONATHAN BROOKS,
RUEBIN CLARK.

Benjamin Marvin to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 21.]

March 29th 1776.

Gentlemen: As you have given warrants to Daniel Grifling Esqr and Benj Marvin, Nathaniel Norton and Jacob Conkling to Recrute a Compeny in the New York Service we therefore Take this oppertunity to inform you that we have inlisted Seventy Five men into the Service affors[d] — These Gentlemen from your Very Humble Servt

BENJAMIN MARVIN.

Petition of Samuel Loudon, Printer.

[Petitions, 32: 110.]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New York.

The memorial of Samuel Loudon of the City of New York printer Sheweth,

That some weeks ago a manuscript composed by a gentleman at some considerable distance, and sent in order to be printed here in *Answer to* the celebrated pamphlet entitled *Common Sense*, was put into my hands by a gentleman of this City who desired me to print it. As a publication of this nature required mature deliberation, I did not incline nor did the gentleman require me to comply with his proposal till I should be convinced that the manuscript was written with decency, or did not express or even imply any disapprobation of the proceedings of the Honourable Continental Congress or the glorious Cause, in defence of which Americans are spending their blood and treasure. Being satisfied as to these particulars, I agreed to print the Manuscript on my own account.

Having made some progress in printing off the sheets, I advertised the publication of the pamphlet in M^r^ Gaines *Gazette* not imagining that any offence could Justly be taken by my fellow citizens. But to my great surprize, I soon found that the advertisement had given disgust to some of the Inhabitants, who highly resented it. On the evening of the 18^th^ ult^o^ I received a message to attend on the Committee of Mechanics: I attended accordingly and was interrogated by M^r^ Christopher Duyckinck the chairman. "Who was the Author of the manuscript I was printing, and who gave it to me." I told them I did not know the Author, and that I got the manuscript from a Gentleman of this city, whose name in my opinion they had no right to demand. Displeased at this reply, they threatned to burn the Pamphlets blaiming me in strong terms for printing it. I expostulated with them on the impropriety of condemning a book before they had read it, proposed to send them the sheets that were printed, for their perusal, and to refer the whole affair to the Committee of Safety, and abide by their determination. They did not however think it proper to regard any of my proposals, but sent six of their number to my House who nailed and sealed up the printed sheets in boxes except a few which were drying in an empty House, which they locked, and took the key with them. The following evening they returned the Key and informed me that they had referred the matter to the General Committee of Inspection. Same evening I received a note to wait on that committee: I attended, and was informed by the chairman, Col. Broome, that a complaint had been prepared against me for printing *An Answer to* the pamphlet intitled *Common Sense*, and the committee advised me not to persist in publishing it at present, as my personal safety might be indangered. I thanked the committee and promised to comply with their advice. This availed nothing for my security, for some time after 10 o'clock the same night, the before mentioned M^r^ Duyckinck without any commission from the Committee, attended by a considerable number, to appearance more than forty persons, who rushed into my House, some of them ran up stairs to the Printing Office (while others guarded the Door) and took away the whole impression of said Pamphlets being about 1500, which at a very moderate calculation amounts to £75. They carried them to the Commons and there burnt them as I have been informed.

Your Memorialist conceiving the above mentioned Transactions a violent infraction of the Liberty of the Press and an unjustifiable attack on his private property; Prays that the Hon^ble^ Committee will take such measures, and give directions in the premises as may secure the liberty of the Press, protect private property, prevent such insults for the future, and enable your Memorialist to recover damages adequate to the injuries he has sustained. And your memorialist, &c.

SAM^L^ LOUDON.

New York, 28^th^ March, 1776.

Joseph Woolcombe, &c., to the Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 141.]

Uper Barracks, 29th March, 1776.

Gentlemen: We are sorry to give you this trouble but being in some measure led to imagin you have forgot us by our long confinement without having any hearing and being fully conscious of not having acted in any sheap Inimical to the interests of the Country, therefore should esteem it as a particular favr if you will be kind enough to order us before you as we make no doubt we shal give every satisfaction that you will desire with respect to our conduct.

We remain Gentn yr most Obt Hble Sts

WILL ELDER,
JO• WOLCOMBE.
WILLIAM McDERMOTT.

Committee of Staten Island to New York Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Rct. 27: 31.]

Staten Island, March the 29, 1776.

Gentlemen: Undernead you have the Names of the persons appointed in each destrict, for officers in the Militia Companies, in our County, whom we recomend to you for farther approbation and Commission, &c., &c.

For the West Devission.	*North Devission.*
Daniel Winand, Captain.	John Simonson, Captain.
Abraham Waglum, first Lieutnant.	Abraham Rolph, first Lieutnant.
James Randolph, second Do.	Cornelis Mc Klean, second Do.
Joshua Wright, Ensign.	Richard Corson, Ensign.
For the Mannor.	*South Devission.*
Peter Housman, Captain.	William Scoby, Captain.
Lawrance Hilyer, first Lieutnant.	Samuel Holms, Junr first Lieutnant.
William Blake second Do.	John Garrison, second Do.
John Wright, Ensign.	Richard Luckerman, Ensign.

We are Gentl your most Obidt Humbl Servt, &c.

By order of the Committee,

CHRISt JACOBSON, *Chairman.*

To Messr Adrian Bancker and Richard Lawrence.

On the back of the above return is the following:

Abraham Jones, Esqr 1st Coll.	Jacob Merserean, 2d Major.
Cornelius Van Wagener, 2d Do.	Harmanus Garrison, Quartermaster.
Cornelius Corsen, 1st Major.	Nicholas Stillwell, Adjutant.

Petition of Abner Briggs.

[Petitions, 32: 124.]

To the Honble yc Provinsial Congress of the City of New York.

The Humble Petition of Abner Briggs Showeth,

Whereas your Petitioner sometime past did apply to this Congress for Leave to export a Cargoe of Provisions to the Island of Nantuckitt for the use of the Inhabtants thereoff, which was accordingly granted him on conditions, that he Bring a Certificate of the performance of the said conditions, your Petitioner therefore agreable thereto, now waits upon this Honble Body, with the said Certificate, and humbly prays for leave to purchase another Cargo of Provisions, as the Inhabitants of Nantuckitt are greatly distres'd, from the select men of which said place He hath a premit specifying the quantity and articles that is most nesessary and certi-

fying that the same is wanted absolutely for the use and consumption of the said Inhabitants of Nantuckitt. Your Petitioner since his arrivall understands that Pork and Beef are prohibited for Exportation and prays he may have Liberty to purchase an Equivilent in any other sort of Provisions or Produce.

April, 1776.

Application to ship Flour.

[Petitions, 32: 126.]

Permission is desir'd for 230 Barrels Flour to be shipped from this Port for Connecticut River on B^{d} Sloop ———, John Riley, master, for aco^{t} of the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, per order of Silas & Barn^{d} Deane, as per agreement to be now shown which is not completed—of this Simeon Deane can testify and show his power of attorney from s^{d} contract the above flour consigned to Barn & Deane.

SIMEON DEANE.

New York, 1st April, 1776.

Return of Captain William Jackson.

[Petitions, 32: 128.]

April 1, 1776.

To the Honorable Provinshel Congres of New York.

Gentlemen: I make a return of the men that has inlisted in the Continental Servis for the Defence of the Colony where of the amount is seventy thre which are inlisted by me.

WILLIAM JACKSON.

[Ordered to report to the commanding officer at this Post.]

Return of Cap^{t} Abraham Riker's Company in the Provential Service.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 27.]

New York, April 1st 1776.

Men's Names.	Time of Inlistment.	Men's Names.	Time of Inlistment.
James Hazard,	Febuary 29,	Anglus M^{c}Dugall,	March 10,
Thomas Duncan,	Febuary 29,	John Fowler,	March 13,
John Morrel,	Febuary 29,	Richard Smith,	March 16,
Thomas Fulve,	Febuary 29,	Robert Smith,	March 12,
Jacob Reader,	March 1,	Jerimiah Magone,	March 26,
Luke Welch,	March 1,	Robert Burnes,	March 26,
Simon Lambertson,	March 3,	Michal Barret,	March 26,
John Smith,	March 7,	Michal Zellers,	March 27,
Lawrence Bowne,	March 7,	Thomas Steward,	March 28,
Gorge Tier,	March 7,	Jesse Wittre,	March 28,
Antony House,	March 1,	Peter Cline,	March 29,
John Foster,	March 8,	Tise Smock,	March 8,
Rodmun Bowne,	March 1,	John Emry,	March 29,
John Clack Fifer,	March 9,	Aaron Knap,	March 29,
Daniel Pettit,	March 7,	Simon Criggear,	March 29,
John Venice,	March 12,		

Election of Officers in Rochester.

[Mil. Ret., 27: 128.]

Rochester, April y^e^ 2^th^ 1776.

We the Subscribers being a Subcomitte appointed by the Committee of the Town of Rochester to Inspect the Election of officers in the first Company of melitia of the Said Town of Rochester whereof petrus Schoonmaker is Cap^t^ and Do hereby Certify that By a majorety of Voices of the men Belonging to s^d^ Company are Duely Elected: Jacobus Wynkoop first L^t^ Benjamen Merkel, Sec^d^ Ditto Fredrick Wesbrouck Ensign.

As witness our hands the Date above.

JACOB HOORNBEEK,
DYRK HOORNBEEK,
JN^O^ SLEGHT,
JOLL HOORNBEEK.

[Commissions issued, dated May 3^d^ 1776.]

Capt. Davis to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 25.]

Easthampton, April 3^d^ 1776.

Gent^n^: Your Warrant was handed to me I have Indeavoured to Inlist the Men Agreeable to the Instructions Contained therein. But as no time is Limited For the Mens Inlistment it much Retards the Business and a very Great uneasiness Arises in the Minds of Some Very Good Men who would Gladly Enter the Service on Acc^t^ of the Wages Being Reduc^d^ and it is Reported amongst them that the Wages Given at Connecticut is the same this Year as it was the Last. if it had not been for the Objections above I Should by this have fill'd My Company. the Number I have Inlisted is about Seventy and hope soon to Compleat the Whole.

I am Your Humb^l^ Serv^t^ to Com^d^

JOHN DAVIS.

To y^e^ Provincial Congress or Committee of Safety of New York.

William McDermott to the Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 143.]

Gent^n^: Having not had the honour of an answer from you to a letter of the 29^th^ of last ult^o^ which I took the liberty of subscribing my name to, induces me to a second Application which I flatter myself you will be kind enough to admitt before your respectable House. I have been a prisoner under close confinement near five weeks, for what, I am an utter stranger. therefore shal esteem it a fav^r^ if you will be kind enough to order me before you as I am fully concious of my innocence to any charge against me, if any laid before you.

I have the Honour to be Gent^n^ y^r^ most Ob^t^ Hble Serv^t^

April 4^th^ 1776. WILLIAM M^c^DERMOTT.

Erection of Powder Mills.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 29.]

Whereas, the Provincial Congress have Recommended that a Number of Powder Mills be Imediately Built within this Colony with Certaine Encouragements to such Persons as will Undertake to Erect the Same Provided Such Persons be Recommended by the Committee of the County where Such Mills are to be Arected,

And Application having Been Made To us the Members of the Committee of the County of Ulster by Henry Wisner Jun^r^ Esq^r^ & Major Moses Philips Both of

the Said County for our Recommendation of them as Proper Persons to Build & Carry on one of the Powder Mills Ordered by Said Resolutions we therefore Do humbly Recommend the Said Henry Wisner Junr Esqr & Major Philips in co Partnorship as Proper Persons (having the Conveniance of a good Streem &c.) to arect one of Said Mills and Carry on the Business of Manufacturing Gunpowder According To the Direction of the Congress. By Order of the Committee This fourth Day of April, 1776. JOHANNES HARDENBERGH, *Chan.*

Return of the First Regiment in Suffolk County, April 5, 1776.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 99.]

	Wm. Floyd, Col.	Gilbert Potter, L. Col.	Tessy Grush & Jeffery Smith, } Majors.	Philips Roe Adjut't.	John Roe Quarter Master.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Clerks.	Drummers.	Fifers.	Privates.	Total.
Field Officers	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.....	6
Capt. Samuel Tomson	..	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	102	117
Do Ebenezer Miller	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	56	71
Do Nathan Rose	...	...	.....	..	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	98	113
Do Wm. Brewster	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	67	82
Do Philetus Smith	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	67	82
Do Joshua Rogers	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	101	114
Do Epenetus Conkling	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	85	99
Do Joel Scudder	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	51	65
Do John Buffet	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	38	52
Do Plat Vail	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	41	59
Do Gilbert Carle	...	...	.....	..	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	41	56
Do Benajah Strong	...	...	.....	..	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	23	38
Capt. Daniel Roe Minute Com'y.*..	...	...	.....	...	...	1	2	1	4	4	1	1	1	61	76
Total, officers included	..	...	.....	...	...	13	25	13	52	52	13	13	13	834	1030

*Whose time is expired and now return to the Militia.

The minute men, and those Enlisted and to be Enlisted into the Continental Service to be taken from the above.

The Regiment is about two thirds furnished with Bayonets and the others are geting them as fast as they Can Get them made; They are furnished with half pound of powder and two pound of Ball per man, and a Magazine in the Regiment to furnish them with about as much more when it shall be wanted, they are pretty Industrious in fixing their accoutrements, and I hope in a short time they will be tolerably well prepared.

Pr. WM FLOYD.

To the Honorable Provincial Congress or Committee of Safety at New York.

Election of Ensign Crowel.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 63, 67.]

ULSTER COUNTY, April, 1776.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN: I Here within Inclos'd you a Return, Made to me Respecting the Choise of an Ensign to Capt Jacob Conklins, Compy where they have by a Plurallity of Voices Elected John Crowel Ensign to the Aforesaid Compy in Lew & Stead of one Roger Barton whome was first Elected & Commissioned But since has Acted Inimical to the good Cause we are a Contending for with our Mother Country by Inlisting in the Ministerial Service & Now is Confined in Goal I therefore pray that You'l favour the aforesaid Crowel with a Commission a Ensign soon as Possible & I'm Gentleman Your Most Very Humb Servt

JONATHAN HASBROUCK.

Aprill 6th 1776.

Sir: Enclosed I send you the proceedings of a Choice in my Company performed this Day under the Inspection of Capt Drake one of the New Marlbrough precinct and my self by which You'll see that John Crowel by a plurallity of Voices is Chosen Ensign and I have good reasons to believe him to be a True friend to the American Cause and I think will Exert himself on all Occasions To Defend his bleeding Country. I should be Glad his Commission Could be sent for Immediately.

I am Sir Your Verry Humb Servt

To Colle J. Hasbrouck, Newburg. JACOB CONCKLIN.

Thomas Vernom to the Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 114.]

New Gaol, April 6th 1776.

Genteelmen: I hope you will take into Consideration and Release a poor unhappy Prisnor that has been confin'd five weeks in a place where there is no fire nor anything else alow'd, which as cause'd me to be in a bad State of Health for want of nessasereys not being able to purport myself and family which is in a very low way for want of any Assistance. Genteelmen, I would take it as a Favour if you will let me have an hereing or being Remove'd up Stairs and some alowance Alow'd to me or in a Short time I shall be Starv'd to Death, as you are Genteelmen of Honour I hope will take some Compassion on a poor unhappy Prisinor thats Confin'd though Ill will of some envious Persons, & in so doing you will much oblidge your Humble Servt THOS VERNOM.

Certificate of Election, Smithtown, L. I.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 551.]

This is to certify that the Company of Minute Men raised in Smithtown and the Eastern part of Huntington did on the 7th of April 1776 chuse the following officers according to the resolutions of the Provincial Congress for regulating the Militia of this Colony under the Inspection of us the subscribers, two Committee Men appointed to Superintend said Election To wit: Nathaniel Platt, Captain; Samuel Smith, 1st Lieutenant; Henry Scuder, 2nd do., and Benjamin Blatsley, Ensign.

JEFFERY SMITH,
PHILETUS SMITH.

(Indorsed.) Sunday June 9, 1776, ordered that the commissions be made out.

Continental Companies.

[Md. Ret. 27: 88, 92, 96, 104.]

April 8th 1776.

Commission to Ezekiel Hait, Esquire, Captain of the Company of the first Regiment of New York Forces. By order of the Congress,

Attest: Cha Thomson, *Secy.* JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*

April 8th 1776.

Commission to Joseph De Groet, Gentleman, Second Lieutenant of the Company of the First Regiment of New York Forces.

By order of the Congress,

Attest: Cha Thomson, *Secy.* JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*

April 8th 1776.

Commission to Caleb Hobby, Gentleman, First Lieutenant of the Company of the First Regiment of New York Forces.

By order of the Congress,

Attest: Cha Thomson, *Secy.* JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*

April 8th 1776.

Commission to Isaac Poincair, Gentleman, Ensign of the Company of the First Regiment in New York Forces.

By order of the Congress,

Attest: CHA^{s} THOMSON, *Secy.* JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*

Petition of Elizabeth Dunbar.

[Petitions, 33: 264.]

To the Honourable the Congress now Sitting at the Citty Hall.

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Dunbar, Most humbly begs leave to represent her scituation to this Honourable Committee. Your poor Petitioner has arrived at this City wants to go to Boston to her husband who is in his Majesties 22 Regiment of foot, and as your poor petitioner cannot get on Board the Transport without a pass from this Honorable Company do earnestly begg entrite & pray the favour of you Gentlemen to order your poor petitioner on board said transport, in doing so, the City will be so far Relieved of a Town Charge and y^{r} poor petitioner will alway pray.

Jonathan Landon to Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 684, 736, 740.]

LITTLE NINE PARTNERS, April 10, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the Request of the Committe of Safety, I applyed to M^{r} Moses Harris who undertook to make discovery of some Lead Mines in the Nine Partners.

M^{r} M^{c}Donald and myself accompanied him to a Lime Stone Hill, where about 20 years since a Company of adventurers had sunk several shafts or pits in quest of copper as I am informed. M^{r} M^{c}Donald made several tryals and Discoverys both of Lead and Copper, and has drawn a Report the truth of which as far as I could judge may be depended on. We also applyed to one M^{r} Fish on whose Land M^{r} Harris had made an advantageous discovery of Lead, for Leave to dig but he would not gratify us, so that M^{r} Harris^{s} chief Discovery was not explored by M^{r} M^{c}Donald. I am told the mines are now the property of a Company and that some of the family of the late Coll. Hoofman, a M^{r} Bogart and Tiebout of New York are some of them of whom it is probable the Committee may be informed of every particular. I am, Gentlemen, Your most Humble Servant,

To the Committee of Safety, New York. JONTH LANDON.

Report.

To the Honourable Provincial Congress or Committee of Safety for the Province of New York.

I John M^{c}Donald, miner, who was appointed by your Honours with the most punctual Instructions relative to Lead Mines, accordingly have performed in Compliance with the Request which contained in said Instructions therefore proceeded with all convenient Dispatch to the Little nine partners where with Care full Complyed and prepared myself with all Sincerity in working & Examining for lead & Copper in order to bring the true information of the State and Quality of the same which at Large Reported as Specified in the following manner.

Jonathan Landon Esq^{r} to whome I was recommended to for directions Conducted me to a Lime Stone Hill wher at Random took the Demention from the North East to the South West being one mile in Length Included from both fallings of the ground in each end of said Hill the Breadth is half a mile and about 40 Rods Height there I found said mines the Veins of Ore in which appear inclining or lying west & East in Ledges of lime Stone mixed with white flint. Some years ago a company of adventurers had sunk several pits or shafts in persuite of lead and Copper and that amongst the tryals are two pits one of which is 15 foot deep The other is 50 foot Deep and in the bottom of said pits left a promissing discovery of about 7

inches Diameter Solid Ore and that of a continued vein Unfortunate the Company being under the necessity of giving up their proceedings on account of the under water Rising anent which we are fully informed of all the particulars by Mr. Harris. The principale method of preventing the Damage done by the water is to drive a level from its advantageous situation to the discoveries made which will clear away the water The Timber which supported the pits from the beginning of sinking broke by the age and want of Repairing thereby is fill to the Top with Rubbage &c: Mr. Harris undertook Chearfully to make discovery of Lead therefore the said Jonathan Landon Esqr Applyed to one Mr. Fish on whose property Mr. Harris has made a prosperous Discovery of Lead for leave to open & search the ground but he instrumented the freedom of breaking the ground so that Mr. Harris's best discovery was not Explored. I made tryals in several places and discovered a Small quantity of lead Ore in each Vein The Bounds wherein the Mines lye is extraordinary well situated for pursuing the necessary tryals according to minery. The above mentioned Length, Breadth and Height will be a sufficient Declaration to any person that proposes to have a particular Skill & Knowledge in Conducting lead mines Regularly in all its Branches. My Sincere advice to your honrs is to employ some hands and provide them with tools in order to clear & Draw the Rubbage &c out from the said two pits and supporting them well with Timber and by accomplishing the Clearings of Rubbage from these shafts will make your honours to have the satisfaction to know the thruth of Mr. Harrisses description if it approves to be depended on The Workmen must prepare to proceeute the Discovery of the said lead mines according to the Directions of the Inspector appointed and if it be carried on properly they will follow my foresaid directions. I surveyed some mines near marble town which is not worthy to Report I am fully informed by Severals that there is a good mine explored in Rod Chester Patent in Ulster County which a company of adventurers wrought at about 50 years ago and that they rised some Hundred Tons of lead Ore the full truth of which mine Colonel Pallen Chairman to the Committee Board of Marble Town was to Aequaint your honours the common part of the neighbouring Inhabitants was declaring their Seeing two foot Diamater of Solid Ore and great many tryals made your honors may or may not carry on these tryals to execution all can be said that such promissing discoveries likely for the publick good ought not to remain dead and useless in the Bowels of the Earth without tryals to be properly executed.

All which is humbly submitted by Your Honours' Most Obedient and Humble Servant, JOHN McDONALD, *Miner.*

April 25, 1776.

Colonel Nicoll to John McKesson.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 594.]

Fort Constitution, April 10th 1776.

Sir: I understand their is som New Redgments to be rased in this Provence. I have bin som months in the service and am still willing to be continued if your Body should thinck me a propper Person.

Inclosed you have a Recommendation from Mr Wisenor which he gave me to the Congress. After I received it I understood that their had ben so many applications that I thought it not worth my while to apply, if their should be any New Redgements to be raised, I would be much obbliged to you to mention my name to Congress and make such use of the Inclosed as you shal thinck fit.

From your Humble Servent,

To John McKesson, Esqr. ISAAC NICOLL.

Town Major Leary to Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 116.]

New York, 10th April 1776.

Sir: I have caled several times at the Committee of Safety but could not find that they had made a House these few days pass.

I now inform you that the time appointed for me to sarve as Town Major expyard the 8 ins^{t}. Therefor will be glad to now if I am to be continued or discharged from your service. I remain your Very Humble Serv^{t}

WILL^{M} LEARY.

To the Chairman of the Committee of Safety New York.

(Indorsed.) Shall his pay be continued? No.

Reflections on the Crime of Pamphlet burning. By SAMUEL LOUDON.

[Petitions, 32: 147.]

I would not anticipate the reflections that will natively arise in the mind of every candid and dispationate reader of the plain and impartial narrative I have given in the memorial to the Hon^{ble} Committee of Safety but Justice to the public and myself requires me to subjoin a few remarks.

As the question concerning American Independence, hath not to the best of knowledge been decided by the Continental Congress nor by any legal subordinate convention, there can be no criminality in publishing the arguments for and against it; and as it is a question of the greatest importance it should not be decided before the arguments are fully discussed.

Though a formal answer to the pamphlet intitled, *Common Sense* hath been published in Philadelphia,* the printer hath not fell under the resentment of the Continental Congress, which is a decisive evidence that the Representatives of North America do not Judge him to be a transgressor. My zealous, well meaning, misguided oponents would have acted a consistent part had they paid a due deference to the wisdom and good sense of that Honourable Body of men, whom they have solemnly promised to support, by suspending all proceedings against me till the Philadelphia printer had been called to account, and condemned by them.

The public will determine whether by not suffering any other person to publish their sentiments but the Author of the above mentioned pamphlet, and such as have adopted his way of thinking, many thousands of steady friends to the common cause of America are not deprived of one of their essential priviledges the liberty of declaring their opinion upon a subject of the greatest moment and in which they are unspeakably more interested than the supposed Author of that Pamphlet.

It is at any rate self evident that if any set of unauthorised men shall be permitted to assume the power of legislating for their fellow citizens, and punishing them as they please, our legal conventions and committees, with all the precious liberties for which we are contending will be in effect annihilated, and we will be in a more miserable slavery than would arise from the most successful exertion of all the tyranic acts of the British parliament.

The freedom of the press is now insulted and infringed by some zealous advocates for liberty. A few more nocturnal assaults upon printers may totally destroy it, and America in consequence may fall a sacrifice to a more fatal despotism than that with which we are threatned.

I have no consciousness of guilt in the affair for which I have been persecuted. It is well known that I have always been a steady friend to the liberties of America, and I am resolved to risque my all in their defence, and Chearfully submit to every determination of the Continental Congress, of the provincial Congress of this Colony and the general Committee of this City, that is not contrary to the Dictates of religion, Justice, and humanity; hoping at the same time that the reputation of American Councils will never be contaminated by any determination of such an iniquitious kind. I only claim common Justice; and desire that for the future all political publication issued from my press be legally and impartially tried by the publickly avowed principles of the Colonies met in CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. If at any time I shall publish principles opposite to these under any other predicament than that of common news, let me be treated with all the severity which an enemy to his country deserves.

SAM^{L} LOUDON.

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* This answer is entitled *Plain Truth.*

The following are all the names I have as yet been able to collect of the persons who took away and burnt my pamphlets viz:

Christopher Duychinck, John Gilbert, Thomas Pratt, John Buchanan, Tavern Keeper at the new slip, —— Brower, the carpenter, —— Bicker, an officer, Malcom M^{c}Ewen, a pewterer.

(Indorsed.) April 13, 1776.

Colonel Allison to the Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 130, 135.]

Goshen, 15th Ap^{r} 1776.

Gentlemen: In obedience to a Letter and Resolve of Congress of the 4th of March Last I have enclosed to you a state of my Regement, and Lament that I was not able to Do it sooner and that they are not better aequiped (but as Necessity Covers Many Wants) I hope the Committee will impute the Latter, to that, and the Impossibility of obtaining some of the Necessary Articles Rather than their want of Zeal for the Cause.

I have not the Least Reason to Doubt the Willingness of my officers and soldiers to March on the shortest Notice But am Sorry to Informe you that the Regiment Seems to have a general avertion to the Minute Service, that a great Deal of Pains has been taken by My Captains to turn out their proportion of Minute Men by Volenterry Inlistments but to no purpose and to Draft, Gentlemen, must be an arduous task to an officer While a general Reluctance prevails among the people, have Therefore omited it at the present, and if it must be Done, hope the Committee will favour me with a Line to that purpose.

You will Pardon the Digression gentlemen In my saying that I am much afraid the good End the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress had in Veiw will never be well answered in the Minute Men — if they go on in general throughout The Confederated Colonies as they have Ever Done in this part of Orange County I think I Dare without the Spirit of Prophesy say We must not lay any great Stress on what they will Do for Us in the present Contest. All of which is Humbly Submitted.

I have the Honnour to be Respectfully Gentlemen your obedient and very Humble Ser^{vt} W^{m} ALLISON.

To the Committee of Safety for the Colony of New York.

A State of the 1st Regiment of Foot in Goshen Precinct, Orange County, as to officers, Noncommissioned officers and Privates, Arms, Accutrements, Ammunition, &c., Made out this 15th Day of Ap^{r} 1776.

Colonels.	Majors.	Adjutant & Quarter Master.
William Allison,	Moses Hatfield,	John Wood,
Benjamin Tustin, Jn^{r}	John Decker.	James Sawyer.

CAPTAINS.	Lieutenants.	Ensighns.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Drums & fifes.	Privates.	Arms.	Accoutrements.	Ammunition.
1st George Thompson,	1	1	4	4	2	95	74	47	40
2^{d} Moses Cartright,	2	1	4	4	2	44	37	10	..
3^{d} Samuel Jones,	2	1	4	4	2	43	40	32	..
4th John Jackson,	2	1	4	4	2	107	84	40	..
5th John Little,	2	1	4	4	2	55	50	20	..
6th Daniel Roseeronce,	2	1	4	4	2	43	33	..	..
Total,	11	6	16	16	12	387	318	149	40

I Do hereby Certify the above to be as true a State of My Regement as I have been able to ascertain. W^{m} ALLISON.

Ensign William Scudder to the Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 15, 19, 17.]

I would inform your Honour's that I Received a warrant to Enlist men for your Province, Henry O'Harry being Cap^{tn} for which I have Listed, and have in Billet in New Jersey about 35, they have been there about 6 weeks on my Expences, the Cap^{tn} went to Albany 7 weeks ago Recruiting and was to have returned in 3 weeks, I have had no inteligence from him since, I know not what to do with the men, as they Call on me Daily for money or they will Disert. Likwise the Jersey People are Vext that their Malitia is Call'd away while they are under pay and doing nothing.

I Beg, Genteelmen, you'll Take some method for my Relief.

April 15, 1776. WILLIAM SCUDDER.

The Subscribers hereby certify that the Bearer M^{r} William Scudder is of very Reputable Parentage of Considerable property in this Town, and we have no reason to believe that his conduct has been such as to render himself any way disrespectful, but on the Contrary believe him to be a Deserving young Gentleman, and strongly attached to the Common Cause.

ROBERT OGDEN,

Elizebeth Town, April 16, 1776. ELIAS DAYTON.

List of men's names under the care of William Scudder Intended for Henry O Hara's Comp^{y} with the Date of their Enlistment, Feb^{y} 20th 1776.

Michael Fleming, Serj.	Feb^{y} 20th 1776
Andrew O Brien, Ditto,	20th
John Russell, Ditto,	20th
Jedidiah Millar, Ditto,	27th
William Walsh, Corporal,	21st
John Clark, ditto,	March 2^{d}
Cornelius Briant, Ditto,	27
Abraham B: Stokes, Drumer,	22^{d}
John Bordawine, Fifer,	March 12

Privates.

James Ryan,	March 20th 1776	Henry Kizer,	March 2^{d} 1776
Charles Hall,	20th	John M^{c}Donald,	3^{d}
Thomas Botton,	20th	W^{m} Wilson,	3^{d}
John Lynch,	22^{n}	Henry Reynolds,	2^{d}
Rob^{t} Field,	24th	Maurice Hanlon,	3^{d}
Arthur Kief,	22^{d}	John Merry,	4th
John Creag,	21st	Joshue Dooly,	3^{d}
John Emory,	21st	Isaac Leacy,	4th
Dennis Mullin,	22^{d}	Ben J. Little,	11th
Barnard Mullin,	24th	Charles Kenedy,	19th
Phillip Prosser,	21st	Rob^{t} Thornton,	19th
John Tanner,	24th	John M^{c}Donald,	19th
W^{m} Bullian,	24th	James Burrows,	19th
James O Hara,	25th	Patrick Read,	22^{d}
W^{m} Goodwin,	25th	Ben^{n} Dooly,	3^{d}
Jarvis Burns,	25th	Adroion Post,	23^{d}
Solomon Saltus,	26th	John Hofman,	Ap^{l} 10th
John Bryan,	28th	John Batteas,	10
Abraham Lofberry,	March 1st	Rob^{t} Hardy,	11

Muster Roll of Captain Swartwout's Company.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 110.]

A Muster Roll of Part of Captn Abm Swartwout's Company Taken at Fort Montgomery April 15th 1776:

Men's Names.	Time of Inlistment.	Day.	Where born.	Age.	Ocupation.
Silas Palmer,	March	1	Connecticut	30	Yeoman
John Tompson,	Do.	7	Old England	29	Do.
John Dennis,	Do.	8	Ireland	32	Do.
Willm Ray,	Do.	Do.	Connecticut	18	Blacksmith
Asael Powel,	Do.	Do.	Orange County	16	Yeoman
Willm Watson,	Do.	12	Old England	30	Taylor
Samuel Rise,	Do.	1	Dutr County	23	Cordwainer
Ezra Griggory,	Do.	Do.	Do.	20	Do.
Silas Pierce,	Do.	Do.	Connecticut	28	Yeoman
Israel Lucus,	Do.	18	Do.	24	Joiner
Robert Haff,	April	2	Dutchess Counr	19	Yeoman
Perus Demic,	Do.	11	Do.	24	Do.
Peleg Balard,	Do.	15	Do.	21	Do.
Ebenezer Rebertson,	Do.	Do.	Do.	16	Do.
Jacob Jones,	March	22	Jersey	25	Joiner
Gideon Margeson,	Do.	17	New York	22	Yeoman
Samuel Johnson,	Febr	20	Long Island	22	Weever
Walter Wilson,	March	20	Dutches Co	16	Yeoman
Bernard Bond Waite,	Do.	9	Do.	—	——

The above taken at the Particular request of Capt Swartwout.

GILBERT LIVINGSTON.

Certificate in favor of Surgeon Anthony.

This is to certify that I have this day examined Mr Benjamin Anthony respecting his knowledge in Physic and Surgery, and that I find him competently qualified to act as Surgeon to a private Vessel of war.

Dated New York the 17th of April 1776. JOHN JONES, M. D.

Jeremiah Clark to Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 590.]

New Cornwal, April 18, 1776.

Dear Sir: I take this oppertunity per Lieutenant Roe to inform you that we held our Elections to chose a Deputy for the next Convention day before yesterday and chose Archebald Little, Esqr for Cornwal Precinct; who is chosen in Goshen I know not.

Sir, you may remember that not long since I wrote a line to the Committee in behalf of Lieut. Roe, he is down now on the same Business as he wants to know what he may depend on as the Season of the year is far advanced. I think if there is a vacancy he is as suitable a man for Captain as I could Recommend in the County if it should be agreeable to you I hope you will give him both your advice and assistance if he should succeed, it is likely he will inform as to under officers. Sir, pardon my boldness, and permit me with great Esteem to subscribe myself, Your most Humble Servant, JERH CLARK.

To Tunis Cooper, Esqr In Committee of Safety, New York.

John Hathorn to the Committee of Safety.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 126.]

WARWICK, 20th April 1776.

GENTLEMEN: I have herein made a Return of the Officers Chosen in Captn John Wesners Company of Minute Men of the Regiment of Florida and Warwick in the Precinct of Goshen and County of Orange agreeable to a Return made to me by Two of the Members of the Committee of this Precinct, declareing their attending at the Election of the said Company on the twenty-sixth day of March Last, and was Chosen agreeable to a Certain Resolve of the Provincial Congress of this Province, made Respecting the Regulation of the Militia and Minute Companies, viz: Abraham Dolson first Lieutenant, Nathan Sayre second Lieut., and Asa Werner Ensign. And hope your Honourable Body will Issue Commissions accordingly.

I am in behalf of the Committee your most Obedient and Humble Servt

JOHN HATHORN, *Chairman.*

(Indorsed.) Let us know the State of the Regiment.

Petition of Rynier Van Hoese, Pilot.

[Petitions, 32: 171.]

GENTLEMEN: Permit me to inform you that I have been confined almost three months, and in ye course of that time hath never been admitted to a hearing in order to clear up the charge that is against me. I have a wife and six young infants who now suffer through want, like ways my land lies wast having no friend to Cultivate it, so hopes you will be kind enough to grant me a hearing, and oblige your Humble Servt, RYNIER VAN HOESE.

NEW YORK GOAL, 20th April 1776.

Petition of John Dunlap.

[Petitions, 32: 167.]

To the Honorable the Committe of Safety for the Colony of New York.

The Memorial of John Dunlap of the City of New York, Humbly Showeth,

That your Memorialist is desirous to demonstrate his attachment to the Liberties and cause of his Country in any manner in which he may be most servicable to the public weal.

That he has spent upwards of three weeks at the public works in and about this city, until the Inhabitants were dismissed that service.

That your Petitioner has been many years engaged in such Business as habituated him to accounts, and flatters himself that he might be useful to the public in any station that required his attention in that way.

That the number of his family and his circumstances are such as require that the fruits of his service might render a small allowance towards their support.

Your memorialist humbly prays that the Honorable Committee will be pleased to apoint him to any such station or employment as they may think fit, and judge him qualified to execute for the Benefit of his country and consistant with circumstances above mentioned.

And your memorialist shall ever pray,

NEW YORK, April 21st 1776. JOHN DUNLAP.

News from Quebec.

[Mil. Com. 25: 562; Assoc. 30: 546.]

Pelton left Quebec 6, April.

That a Canadian went into the Quebec abt 17 March at night—he came out with packett supposed Commissns and dispatches to Senior at Island Crane to raise a party cutt off the Guard at Point Levy.

That 60 or 70 people joined their people, that 7 were killed and wounded 4—that 38 prisoners taken, 25 bro't to Montreal, that the River was not froze over at Quebec, that the Canadians are very hearty in our Cause, that he does not know that they understand the Controverse.

That they put their prisoners to a short allowance, that M^c Lean wrote to Campbell that they had the all^ce as Garrison.

One Lambs men escaped—went into the Bomb proof in the yard—jumped over the wall, and over the City wall—said he had heard of Lamb, that he had lost left Eye, well, 2500 Troops there—snow deep when he came away.

Met 16 or 17 April 14 or 15 Boats, got to St. Johns. The large Cannon 4-32 1, 24 and 18 at Ticonderoga, Ge^l Thomas between C^r P^t and Tie, men healthy, one man a little wounded. Fresh provisions and wood plenty.

At Point Levy. Battery begun to play 3 April, 4, 12 lb. now 3, a Bomb Battery heights of Ab^m, snow 7 feet Deep—Mott well—Hughes with *him*, Gano well. Goforth very fat at 3 Rivers—not more than a Company there in the Regiment—Goforth more respected than feared than any man there, heard at Camp Troops left Boston 14 April—Canadians expect vessels from 4 to 10 May this year 20 May.

That Gen^l Scuyler is driving with Great Spirit—has seen nothing like him.

Nicholson at Quebec when he came away—Arnold recruiting—Clinton well.

Must storm—350 m all wint^r Blockade—Carlton 12 or 1400.

Met Gen^l Thomas 21^st April between Tie and Crown P^t.

Gen^l Wooster paid his men in hard money at Montreal. Yorkers paid in paper before Quebec—that they are very cautious how any Recommendations are given to N. York Officers.

Nicholson appointed Lieu^t Coll^o of the Canada Regiment. Passed Romans at Stilwater.

(Address) On Public Service, William Paulding, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of Safety New York.

Capt. Sloan, last Thursday week left about 400 men there — about 600 at Ticonderoga — Nothing doing at Crown Point — Capt. Tew lent his Boat to bring Col^o Arnold to Ticonderoga — Capt. Tew was sent to Crown Point and remains on Board of Sloop Enterprise under Command of —— Halsey a Lawyer, and Commodore Mathers in the Schooner.

Atkinson who is now with Sloan has been 12 or 13 years at the Lakes.

Charge against Zachariah Sickles.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 212.]

Whereas, it appears on Evidence to this Congress that Zachariah Sickles Junr is Charged with having been Concerned with Andrew Gautier Jun^r in refusing to Sell Tea for other money than Gold and Silver which refusal has in the Judgment of this Congress a necessary Tendency to depreciate the Continental paper Curr^cy

Resolved, that it be recommended to the General Committee of the City and County of New York to enquire into and proceed on the Case of the Said Zachariah Sickles Jun^r pursuant to the Resolve of the Continental Congress in such Cases made and provided.

Proposed retaliation in the Case of Mr. Platt.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 216.]

Mr. Ebenezer plat of Long Island took the powder and other military stores out of a British ship at S^t Augustine was afterwards taken at Jamaica, sent to England in Irons and was there to be tried for his life.

Mr. Hobart recomends that some person of emminence, a British subject, be seized & put in Irons; that Gen. Howe be informed that the person so seized will be treated in the same manner as Mr platt.

List of Persons that have paid Duty of the Excise for 1776 *to Evert Bancker.*

[Mil. Commit. 25: 606.]

W^m^ Ashe, living in Veeses street.
Ann Arrison, at Peck's Slip.
Eliz^th^ Anderson, at Dom^ys^ Hook not yet paid.
Philip Acker, near water works not p^d^
James Birmingham, in y^e^ fields.
Abraham Bond, Roosevetts Dock N^t^ River.
Hugh Braan, W^m^ street.
John Betts, White Hall Slip.
John Brandin, in the fields.
John Beck, fly market.
Garrit Barrin, between Beekmans and Berlins Slip.
W^m^ Bull, near M^r^ Lespenardes.
Daniel Burck, Burlins Slip.
John Cargell, near Pecks Slip.
Martain Cregier, Nassaw st.
Francis Cooley, Golden Hill.
Daniel Campbell, Ogelsvies place.
John Cregier, near the College.
W^m^ Carbee, near marschalks place not paid.
John Carrow, opposite new Dutch Church.
Richard Cornish, Do New Bridewell.
Mary Clem, in Batton street.
Cath. D. Lamontanie, Bowry Lane.
Agnes Douglas, upper Barracks.
W^m^ Day, in Warren street near Do.
Elias Day, in Veesies street.
David Devoor, Turtle Bay.
B. Alexander Dugan, corner of Warren street, not yet p^d^.
Mary De Lamontanie, in y^e^ fields.
John Everts, fly market.
Robert Ellis, Pearle street.
Eliz^th^ Funck, fly market, ferry stairs.
Samuel Francis, Exchange.
Henry Grigg, in the Slote.
John Holdin, upper Barracks.
Andrew Hopper, next Spring Gardin.
Robert Hull, Broadway.
Alexander Hassick, in Dies Street.

New York, y^e^ 22^nd^ April 1776.

James Hill, Broadway, near Smith's.
Ellenor Holladay, Barrack street.
James Henry, near the College.
Cave Jones, Learys street.
Peter Laurilliard, above the New Gaol.
Thomas Lowry, near Oswego market.
Jacob Lintener, near y^e^ Barracks.
Foster Lewis, between Beekman and Burlins Slip.
James Lamasuy, other side of the New Hospital.
Arreietta Lafoy, Broadway.
B. W^m^ Lounds, not yet paid.
John Mott Jun^r^ Bowry Lane.
Jacob Moor, within 3 miles Kings Bridge.
James M^c^ Attee, Roosevelts House at y^e^ North River.
Margaret Marsh, Pecks Slip.
Hester Martlin, North River.
B. W^m^ Marriner, Oyster house, not p^d^.
Thomas M^c^ Williams, Cortlands street.
John M^c^Pharson, Broadway.
John Noble, near y^e^ Air Furnace.
John Planton, near Liberty Pole.
Jacob Pott, near y^e^ Paper Wind Mill.
Sophia Rusler, fly ferry stairs.
Timothy Scandirith, fly market.
John Simmons, opposite old mat^y^.
John Somerndyck, in the Bowry Lane paid in part.
Thomas Scorfield, Back Henry Whites Esq^r^.
William Scott, fly market.
Henry Stanton, in Warren street.
B. Adam Schumberg, in Barrack street, not yet paid.
John Tuttle, North River.
John Taylor, Gardin street.
John Taylor, in the fields.
John Townsand, near y^e^ Coffee House.
Richard Varrien, Bulls head.
John Walker, Broadway.
George Willis Sen^r^ near y^e^ Colledge.
William Williams, Bowry lane.

List of Liquor Sellers in New York City.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 598.]

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
Margaret Rutherford,	Coopers Street, near Luptons Wharf.	Not Licenced.
Bryan Connor,	Do	Licence.
William M^c^Bride,	Do	Not Licence.
Garret Oaks,	Crugers Wharf.	Licence.

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
Wm De La Noy,	Golden Hill.	Not Licence.
William Scandret,	Do	Do
Widdow Leary,	Opposite the Oswego Market.	Do
Robt Campbell,	Do	Do
Moses Sherwood,	Do	Do
Thomas Lowrey,	Do	Licenced.
William Scott,	Broadway, near the Oswego Market.	Do
David Grigg,	Oswego Street.	Do
Christr Steymets,	Lower corner of Oswego Street.	Not Licenced.
Andrew Mountain,	Leary Slip, near the Ferry Stairs.	Do
Cornelius Myers,	Do	Do
Thomas Warner,	Do	Do
Lester Marlin,	Do	Excize.
John Tuttle,	Lower corner of Learys Street.	Licenced.
John Jones,	Learys Street, Near the Broad Way.	Do
Cristr Benson,	Opposite the Play House.	Not Licenced.
Thomas Welsh,	Opposite the Fly Market.	Excize.
Jasper Drake,	Beekmans Slip.	Not Licenced.
Foster Lewis,	Between Beekmans & Burlings Slips.	Licenced.
Nicholas Conway,	Nicholas Coroy, near Beekmans Slip.	Not Licenced.
Daniel Burke,	Do	Do
Margaret Marsh,	Pecks Slip.	Licence.
Benjn Egbert,	Beekmans Slip.	Exeize.
Duncan Campbell,	Beekman's Street, near the Chapple.	Not Licenced.
Richd Fletcher,	Do	Do
George Mullin,	Do near Horse & Cart Street.	Do
Alexr Leslie,	Chathem Street, Corner House near the Barracks.	Do
Peter A. Lawrelyar,	Chathem Street.	Licence.
Adam Shamburgh,	Do	Not Licenced.
William Crillen,	Do	Do
Elizabeth Teff,	Opposite the Collick Pond.	Do
Thomas Bowden,	Barrack Street.	Licence.
John McGillbraw,	Do	Not Licenced.
Mathew Hanley,	Do	Do
Agnis Newton,	Back of the Barraeks.	Do
Jacob Lintner,	Corner of the Barracks.	Exeize.
James Holden,	Near the Barracks.	Licenced.
Cristr Fagenham,	Do	Do
Agnes Douglass,	Do	Do
Abm Sebring,	Near the Barrack Gate.	Not Licenced.
Pelsue & Halsted,	Do	Excize.
Marian Randal,	Do	Licence.
James Lamasney,	Corner house near the Hospital.	Not Licenced.
Charles Sabaden,	George Street, nearly opposite the Barrack Gate.	Do
Cornelius Bogardus,	Do	Do
Hugh Ross,	Do	Do
Philip Acker,	Do	Excise.
Ann McWilliams,	Do	Not Licence.
John Saddler,	Do	Excise.
James Bermingham,	Do	Licence.
Mary Montange,	Opposite the green near the Bridewell.	Do
John Taylor,	Do	Excise.
John Brandon,	Do	Licence.
James Lenght, Junr	Do	Do
Edward Welsh,	Do	Do

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
John Planton,	Opposite the green near the Bridewell.	Licence.
Patrick McQue,	Do	Do
William Williams,	Head of the Broadway.	Not Licenced.
Erectty Lafoy,	Do	Do
Agnes Vanderhoof,	Do	Do
Andrew Hopper,	Do	Licenced.
William Lintworth,	Do	Not Licenced.
Lucas Vandenbergh,	Deys Dock.	Do
William Slow,	Near the Bear Market.	Do
William Cooley,	Do	Licence.
Sarah Hawkins,	Opposite the Kings Store.	Not Licenced.
Alkey Deane,	Deys Street.	Do
John Staples,	Do	Do
Mary Clem,	Deys Street.	Licence.
Nangle Minthorn,	Do	Not Licenced.
Alex[r] Hossick,	Do	Do
Hannah Steedford,	Do	Do
Elen Longmore,	Maiden Lane.	Do
Mary Ryan,	Corner of Kings St. near the French Church.	Do
Rebecca Cowley,	Near the Fly Market.	Do
Samuel Conner,	Pecks Slip.	Do
Anne Areson,	Do	Licence.
Peter Hall,	Do	Excize.
Joseph Childs,	Do	Not Licence.
Patrick Blanchwell,	Do	Do
William Palmer,	Do	Excize.
John Cargell,	Do	Licenced.
Mary Thompson,	De Grushe's Dock.	Not Licenced.
Morris Earl,	Do	Do
James Forbes,	Ship yards Barnes's Dock.	Do
William Gillas,	Do	Do
Michael Lowrey,		Do
John Snell,	Do	Do
Jonathan Peack,	Do	Do
John Buchannan,	Do	Do
John Low,	Fresh Water.	Do
Marenus Low,	Do	Do
John Somandyke,	Do	Excize.
John Kirby,	Broad way.	
Charles P. Bandon,	near the new Presbiterian Meeting.	Licenced.
Jacob Brothers,	Opposite the Presbiterian Meeting.	Not Licenced.
Thomas Bevans,	Do	Do
Mary Watkins,	Do	Do
Jacob Utt,	Chamber Street.	Do
Robert Robson,	Warren Street.	Do
Thomas Vernam,	Do	Do
Alex[r] Clark,	New Chappel Street.	Licence.
Henry Stanton,	Warren Street.	Not Licenced.
Alex[r] Dugan,	Do	Do
Catherine Johnson,	Do	Do
William Day,	Do	Licenced.
John Sweeten,	Murray's Street.	Do
Francis Travellan,	Do	Not Licenced.
Edward Hanley,	Do	Licenced.
Patrick Higgins,	Do	Do
John Cregier,	Do	Not Licenced.
George Willis,	Do	Excize.

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
Jacob Male,	Murray's Street.	Not Licenced.
William Douglass,	Do	Do
Nicholas Thilman,	Robinson Street.	Do
John Clarke,	Do	Licence.
John Armstrong,	Barclay Street.	Not Licenced.
Henry Didwhoof,	Do	Licenced.
Jacob Steymets,	Do	Not Licenced.
Martin Aele,	Do	Do
Jerrey Jinkins,	Opposite the Bear market.	Licenced.
Jacob Vanorden,	Do	Do
Arch^{d} M^{c}Donald,	Church Street.	Do
William Ash,	Vesey Street.	Not Licenced.
Catherine Ash,	Partition Street.	Licence.
Elizabeth Fober,	Do	Not Licenced.
Catharine M^{c}Lane,	Opposite the Bear Market.	Licenced.
Mary Thomas,	Near the Bear market.	Not Licenced.
Jacob Banta,	Nassau Street.	Licenced.
William Larew,	Do	Not Licenced.
Abraham Saunders,	George Street.	Do
Robert Johnson,	Ferry Street.	Do
Abraham Cannon,	Corles Hook.	Do
Andrew Miller,	Do	Do
Jasper Miller,	Do	Do
Daniel Campbell,	Do	Licence.
Henry Vandenham,	Do	Not Licenced.
W^{m} Miller,	near Rutgers's Brew house.	Do
Adam Dobbs,	Do	Not Licenced.
Abraham Houseman,	Bowry Lane.	Licenced.
Richard Darian,	Bull's Head,	Not Licenced.
John Kirbaker,	Bowry Lane,	Licenced.
Abraham Mansen,	Do	Not Licenced.
Thomas Lawrence,	Do	Do
John Mott,	Do	Excize.
William Leonard,	Do	Licence.
Michael Keyser,	Do	Licence.
Thomas White,	Do	Not Licence.
Lodowick Komodanga,	Do	Licenced.
Abagail Spicer,	Do	Not Licenced.
William Williams,	Do	Do
Martin Sheir,	Do	Do
Andrew McCalpin,	New Road Near Greenwich.	Licenced.
William Deal,	Do	Do
John Peter,	Near Lispenardes Brew house.	Excize.
William Korby,	Back of Lispanardes.	Not Licenced.
William Bull,	Near Lispanardes.	Do
David Mallos,	Fresh Water.	Excize.
Archibald Gitfield,	Slaughter house Street.	Not Licenced.
Magnis Garret,	Do	Do
Catharine Montanye,	Fresh Water.	Licenced.
John Bicker,	Do	Do
James Widdowson,	Cherey Street.	Not Licenced.
John Rutter,	Do	Do
John Kissick,	Cawfoot Hill.	Do
James Rogers,	Queen Street.	Do
Daniel McOnulty,	Do	Do
Robert Henry,	Fresh Water Hill.	Excize.
Joseph Cheesman,	Georges Street.	Not Licenced.

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
William Slayter,	Price Street.	Excize.
Ralph Welsh,	William Street.	Not Licenced.
David Grim,	Do	Excize.
John King,	Do	Licenced.
David Philips,	Do	Licence.
Medciff Eden,	Golden Hill.	Not Licenced.
Francis Cooley,	Gold Street.	Licenced.
Duncan McNight,	Fair Street.	Not Licenced.
Michael Spalden,	Do	Excize.
Charles Gardner	Do	Not Licenced.
Philip Lynch,	Do	Do
Uriah Chamberland,	Nassau St.	Do
Martin Cregier,	Do	Licenced.
James Carter,	Do	Excize.
John Fall,	Do	Not Licenced.
Sarah Vandewater,	Water Do	Do
Lewis Gautier,	Do	Do
William Pigney,	Do	Do
Cornelius Swarthout,	Do	Licenced.
Sarah Brock,	Opposite the Coffee house.	Not Licenced.
M[rs] Farrara,	Coffee House.	Do
John Taylor,	On Governeiors Wharf.	Licenced.
Thomas Hyatt,	Hunters Key near the Bridge.	Not Licenced.
James Gremmel,	Do	Do
John Romine,	Crugers Wharf near the Bridge.	Do
Wiloby Loftus,	Do	Licenced.
Charitee Wheeler,	Crugers Wharf.	Not Licenced.
Charles Berry,	Do	Do
Frederick Myers,	Adjoining the Fortification on Crugers Wharf.	Do
Alex[r] McGraw,	Ten Eyck Wharf Conenties Market.	Licenced.
John Lee,	Albany Peer.	Not Licenced.
Simon Van Antwerp,	Little Dock Street near Coenties Slip.	Do
Ann Huston,	Albany Peer.	Do
John Nash,	Albany Peer.	Licence.
George Remser,	Water Street near the Exchange Bridge.	Not Licenced.
James Cobham,	Do	Do
Matthew Ernest,	Do	Do
George Bell,	Do	Licence.
Jacob Hutchins,	Water Street Opposite the Custom House.	Do
Philip Lynch,	White Hall.	Licence.
Samuel Hylyard,	Do	Do
Mary Wadick,	White Hall Slip.	not Licenced.
Jacob Pozer,	Do Philadelphia Stage House.	Licenced.
John Beets,	Broadway near the lower Barracks.	Do
Robert Cheesman,	Do near Pearl street.	Do
Rob[t] Elison,	Cop. Street behind the Lower Barracks.	not Licenced.
George Nicholls,	Do Do	Do
James Banks,	Dock Street, near the Exchange.	not Licenced.
Cath. Welsh,	Do near White Hall.	Do
James Hamilton,	Do at the corner near the Exchange.	Do
Samuel Francis,	Near the Exchange.	Licence.
Peter Bino,	Broad Street near the Exchange Bridge.	Licence.
Cath. Frazer,	Stone Street.	Do
Henry Burchel,	Broad Street, opposite the Jews Alley.	no Licence.
Rich[d] Clark,	Beaver Street.	Licenced.
Thomas Mason,	Corner of Beaver St. near Bolden Green.	Do

Retailers Names.	*Places of Abode.*	*Licenced.*
Moses Mardin,	Broadway opposite the Bolden Green.	not Licenced.
William Cockran,	Broadway opposite the Fort.	not Licenced.
John Walker,	Broadway near the Breast work.	Licenced.
M[rs] Beekman,	Do	not Licenced.
Thomas Phenix,	Do opposite the Luthran Church.	Do
John Simmons,	Wall Street, near the City Hall.	Licenced.
Charles Brown,	Broad St., corner of Verletenburg hill.	not Licenced.
John Marshall,	Old Dutch Church Street.	Do
John Grigg,	Sloat Alley.	Excize.
—— Pringle,	Beaver Street, at the Crooked Billet.	not Licenced.
James Maldrem,	Opposite Slip Market.	Do
Edward Doughty,	White Hall Dock.	Do
Rebecca Youel,	Opposite Coffee House.	Do
John Townsend,	Opposite the Coffee House Bridge.	Do
George Campbell,	Irish Street, near the new Dock.	Licenced.
George Crookshank,	New Dock.	no Licence.
Thomas Dorin,	Do near the Fly Market.	Do
John Watts,	Do Do	no Licence.
Sophia Rusler,	Fly market, near the Ferry Stairs.	Do
Michael Ritter,	Do Do	Licenced.
John Bish,	Do	Do
John Ebert,	Opposite the Fly Market.	Do
William M[c]Comb,	Do	not Licenced.
John Beek,	Do	Licenced.
Elizabeth Burtis,	Maiden Lane.	not Licenced.
William Marrener,	William Street.	Excize.
John Bridgewater,	near the new Dutch Church.	not Licenced.
James Horner,	French Church St., near the Broadway.	Do
Abraham Bond,	Rosevelles Slip, North River.	Excize.
James McEtee,	Do	Excize.
—— Hull,	Broadway,	not Licenced.
Elizabeth Williams,	Pot Baker's Hill.	Do
Henry Ustick,	Do	Do
Douglas & Van Treyl.	Corner near the Fly market.	Do
Benj[n] Hoghlandt,	Fly Market, near the Ferry Stairs.	Do
Timothy Scandrett,	Do	Licenced.
——— Lawrence,	Do	not Licenced.
Nathan Fish,	Do	Do
Garret De Forrest,	Do	Do

Alexander Moncrieff to Colonel McDougall.

[Petitions, 32: 145.]

New York, 24 April, 1776.

Honourable S[r]: I went according to your direction to Col[o] Mefflin I gave your Compliments to the Col[o] Desiring if he would be pleased to hear my Complaint on the Provost Martiall of the Army and to give me Redress for the abuse he gave me, His Honour was pleas'd to say he would look into it, & put a stop to the rude proceedings of s[d] Provost Martiall.

Whether Col[o] Mefflin has spoke to him on that subject I cannot tell, but still the s[d] Provost goes on at me, with most scandalous Abuse that the Like I never gott since ever I could remember myself. So much of this Abuse proceeds from Clashes & Lies that Tho[s] Varnom, Hatter, now a Prisoner in Jail told on me to the s[d] Provost, That when I had the Prisoners in charge that I us'd them ill & Barbarously Abused them, likewise Drew money from the Treasury for Prisoners & never gave s[d] moneys to them but they were obliged to mantain themselves This tho

Provost Martiall Obraids me with, in a clamorous & santeriek manner by the bare report of that Infamous Liar Varnom, & when this matter is try'd and examin'd I will prove s^d^ Varnom to be an Infamous Fellow, and for my part is confident that I am Inocent of what is laid to my charge and will prove myself to be a Person faithfull to Trust & an Honest man.

Requesting of your Honour to Bring this matter to a triall or examination. The Provost Martiall is very much Concernd about Varnom he finds a vast many faults with the Committee of Safety for Detaining of s^d^ Varnom in Prison & promise him that he will Apply to the Commander in chief for his Enlargement on Releasement out of Prison. I am your most obedient servt

ALEX^R^ MONCRIEFF.

Petition of Rynier Van Hoese.

[Petitions, 32: 165.]

April 26^th^ 1776.

The Humble petition of Rynier Vanhoese.

GENTEELMEN: This Comes from a poor Distrest prisner who has been confined in prisen this 10 weeks and has not got a hearing since. I should be Very much obliged to the Honourable Comety If the would be so kind as to give me a heering this afternoon I have a Wife and six smawl children who is in a very helpless situation I should be Very well satisfied to do aney thing that possably lies in my power for to maintain the honourable and Glorious Caus of America so Remains Genteelmen Your most faithful and Trusty servant,

RYNIER VANHOESE.

Information respecting Contraband Stores.

[Mil. Com. 25: 734.]

M^r^ GAR^D^ ABEEL: free. Citizen pres^t^ his best Comp^ts^ to You, and informs him that by Lord Drummond orders was Sent to Store of Hugh Wallace, next door to John Mortons dwelling four Cases which were very heavy & hoop'd with Iron Cont^s^ Military Stores. the Cartman could only carry two at a time I am of opinion their must more then wat I saw. — therefore please to inform yourself. further, as you have it in your power being the Chairman of Committe and good Citizen.

April 27^th^ 1776.

Petition of Thomas R. Harris and Midshipman Metcalfe.

[Petitions, 32: 163.]

His Excellency GENERAL WASHINGTON:

SIR — We are sorry to trouble your Excellency so often, only our Health as well our Duty to our fellow creatures makes it Nessary, having upon us the strongest symptons of a contagious distemper, & being Confined in a close Room together with other three gentlemen, they undoubtedly have y^e^ greatest reason to be apprehensive of its consequences; as we believe it foreign from your intention to indanger Life, or the Life of others, we should be glad if you will order our case to be looked into. We remain your humble servt^s^

{ *Master's Mate* THO^S^ R. HARRIS,
{ *Midshipman* W^M^ METCALFE,

CITY GOAL, NEW YORK, April y^e^ 29^th^ 1776. of His Majestys Ship Savage.

Election of Officers in Kings County.

[Miscel. Papers 34 : 614.]

A return of the Officers Chosen by the Different Companies in Kings County who have signed the Declaration and taken their commissions.

Companies.	Captains.	1st Lieutenant.	2nd Lieutenants.	Ensigns.
Light Horse,	Adolph Waldron,	Wm. Boerum.	Thos. Everet,	Jacob Sebring, jun.
Troop of Horse,	Lambert Suydam,	Danl. Rapleje,	Jacob Bloom,	Peter V. D. Voort,
Flatlands,	Jeremh. V. D. Bilt,	Albert Stothoff.	Thos. Elsworth,	Peter V. D. Bilt,
Gravesend,	Rem Williamson,	Samuel Hubbard,	Garrt. Williamson,	John Lane,
½ of Brooklin,	Barent Johnson,	Barent Lefferts,	Joost D. B. Vooise,	Martin Schenck,
Flatbush,	Cors. V. D. Veer,	Peter Lefferts,	John Van Duyn,	John Bennem,
½ of Brooklin,	Ferds. Suydam,	Simon Bergen,	Wm. Brower,	Jab. Stellenwert,
Bushwyck,	John Titus,	Abm. Van Ranst,	Peter Colyer,	John Skilman,
New Uytrecht,	Adn. Van Brunt.	Adrin. Hegeman.	Harms. Barkulo.	William Barre

Quarter Masters. Isaac Seb[ring], Peter Wykoff.

Petition of Dirck Lefferts.

[Petitions, 32: 45.]

To the Deputies of the several Counties of the province of New York in the Honorable provincial Congress or Committee of Safety of the said province.

The memorial of Dirck Lefferts of the city of New York, Merchant Sheweth,

That sometime in the month of February last past a party of the Minute Men of the County of West Chester under the Command of Colonel Drake came to the Country house of your memorialist and upwards of thirty of them were quartered upon him at his house where he frequently furnished them with many necessaries and conveniencies Viz[t] firewood, Vegetables, Cyder &c. That the said men have Continued at his said house untill now, or very lately. That after they had been there for some time the said men by order of Engineer Smith (as he supposes) went upon the woodland of your memorialist, which he had purchased for his own particular use, to supply his Family with firewood: and Cut down and destroyed a great part of the trees then growing on the said Land and almost entirely ruined the young wood there. And though the said wood may have been cut down to be used in building the Fort at Hoornshook (as your memorialist supposes it was) Yet as he has sustained great loss and been put to great expense by the said Men having been quartered upon him and having cut down and destroyed his wood whereby greater part of the Burthen hath fallen upon him than is his part in proportion with his fellow citizens He prays the Congress or Committee of safety to take the Matter into their Consideration and to grant him such redress and Compensation as they in their discretion may think Reasonable and adequate to the Loss and damage he hath sustained.

DIRCK LEFFERTS.

May 1[st] 1776.

First Regiment of Militia of Foot in Ulster County.

[Mil. Ret. 27 : 116.]

Coll. Johannis Snyder, 2[d] Major, Philipus Hooghteling,
2[d] Do. Jonathan Elmendorph, Adjudant, Abraham Haasbrouch,
1[st] Major, Andrieaen Wynkoop, Quartermaster, John Van Dusen, Jun[r]

	Lieut.	Ensign.	Non-Com[d].	Privates.
1[st] Cap[t] Everet Bogardus,	2	1	8	68
2[d] Do. Jan L. De Witt,	2	1	8	50
3[d] Do. Hendrick Schoonmaker,	2	1	8	50
4[th] Do. Mattys Dederick,	1	0	8	48
5[th] Do. Lucas De Witt,	2	1	8	59
6[th] Do. Moses Cantyn,	2	1	8	60
7[th] Do Gerardus Hardenburg,	2	1	8	50
	13	6	56	385

Kingston, May 1[st] 1776.

Petition of Thomas Vernon.

[Petitions, 32 · 102.]

May 2nd 1776.

Genteelmen: I hope Those few lines will move you into Consideration to take Compasion on a poore Distressed prisoner who has been confined in Goal these 10 weeks Humbly Requesting your Honours will be so good as to give me a heering.

The Jersey forces sence I have been Confined heer has used my famely verey ill which was the ocasion of leaving Mr Schanks hows upon the Dock, and this is to inform you Genteelmen that Mr Schank has taken a sumons out from Alderman Black and Does insist upon my apeerance on Thursday next, and Does insis he will get Judgment against me if I dont apeer. I have been obliged to sell the most of my Household furniture to suport me in Goale befor the Honourable Cometey alowed me aneything. I should be Verey glad to Doe aney thing that possabley Lyes in my power to serve in the Honourable caws of liberty, so Remains Genteelmen your Verey Humble Servant to serve, THOMAS VERNON.

(Indorsed.) Petition of Thos Vernon, a very wicked prisoner.

Order to put Counterfeiters in Irons, and their Examination.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 617; 35: 634.]

Whereas, it has been represented to this Congress that Isriel Youngs Isaac Youngs Henry Dawkins & Isaac Ketchum committed to the custody of Guards appointed by General Washington at the request of divers members of this Congress on suspicion of counterfeiting the Continental money & that of the neighbouring Colonies are meditating their escape—

Ordered that the said Persons be forthwith put in Irons & kept in the place where they now are & that the Guards be directed not to permit any person to have access to them without license from this Congress till the further order of this Congress.

May 1776.

Isaac Youngs Examined says that he did suspect that Dawkins was making money —That his Brother Isrel once told him that Dawkins said he could make money— That he then told his Brother that he would not pass any of it or Countenance it— That his Brother said the same—That one day saw Dawkins have a piece of Copper in his hand but never saw him Engraving—That he the Examinant knew nothing of the rolling press until it was found by Capt Wool & his party.

Philip Youngs being Examined says, that Dawkins was mostly employed in Drawing pictures for Children—That he does not know that Brown printed any Bills for any person—That he asked Brown whether he could not print a little congress money That Brown said he could if he had a press but looked on it to be a great sin, That he enquired what a press would Cost That Brown said about 30 or £40 That Brown said he could not cut the plates—That he the Examinant said if Dawkins could cut the plates he could not print the Bills—that the Examinant did tell Brown to consider of it and say nothing about the affair—That all this was meerly to try Brown as he had suspected him because he was a printer & Dawkins had said he could cut the plates to make any money.

That his father owns one Quarter of the Mills, & Israel Youngs & Isaac Youngs each a Quarter & John Hulet a fourth part.

Israel Youngs being examined says that he never had any hand in Counterfeiting money—That he suspected Henry Dawkins was about Counterfeiting money—1st Because he sent by him to New York for a rolling press & 2nd Because he once a Bill in the Chamber laying on a Bed unsigned—That it was a 40s Connecticut Bill—That he never asked Dawkins any Questions about it That Dawkins paid him the most part of his money which became due for his Boarding, paid him mostly in Contenental money, and Boarded with him near two months—That he never saw him engraving—That he was frequently drawing pictures—That he the Examinant

offered one 40s Bill in payment to a woman in New York for some Tea which she suspected & which he took home again That he does not know of whom he received that Bill That the Door leading to the Stairs to go where the press was put, was made before he Knew the House—That the Stairs were there also before he came to that house.

The Letter Henry Dawkins sent for the press was signed by the name of Cox—That he the Examinant did not inform Woolhaupter that the person who wrote the Letter was not named Cox—That Dawkins sent forty Shillings for the press which the Examinant then paid & and when he rec^{d} the press paid the residue—That the press cost Eleven pounds twelve Shillings—That Dawkins has not repaid him what he advanced for the press.

Petition of Henry Dawkins.

[Petitions, 32: 9.]

To the Honorable the provincial Congress for the Province of New York.

The petition of Henry Dawkins a prisoner now in Custody in behalf of an order from the s^{d} Congress Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner understanding that a certain Philip Youngs is apprehended on account of being concerned with your unfortunate pettitioner on acc^{t} of counterfiteing the Continental & other Money. In order to protect the innocent I am bound by all the tyes of humanity and concience, to declare that the said Philip Young's hath never directly or indirectly, ever been concern'd in the afforesaid Counterfeiting, printing, or passing of the said Bills, and that all information on that account is absolutely groundless as your Petioner Declared the same to Cap^{n} Wools at the house of Nathaniel Williams at Huntington on y^{e} sunday your petitioner was apprehended. Your petioner therefore humbly Hopes that the Congress will consider the matter and Discharge the said Philip Youngs from his Confinement Which Obligation shall ever be acknowledged by the Congresses distress^{t} Humble Serv^{t} HENRY DAWKINS.

Old City Hall, May 3rd 1776.

Petition of Joseph Wood and Others.

[Petitions, 32: 49, 53, 61.]

New York, ss.

To the honorable President & other members of the provincial Congress of the province of New York met in Congress at the City of New York.

The petition of Samuel Massey Charles Massey & Joseph Wood the younger of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, Humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioners in the beginning of the month of January last Past purchased a sloop or Vessel called the Joseph whereof William Raddon was late master, & loaded on Board the said Vessel a cargo of provisions to proceed with the same from the city of Philadelphia to Savannah in the Province of Georgia as appears by an invoice & Bill of Lading herewith exhibited—That the said sloop Joseph proceeded on her intended Voyage & on the thirteenth day of ffebruary last past was taken by an armed Vessel Called the General Gage whereof one George Sibles was commander & carried to Cape ffear in the Province of North Carolina where the said sloop Joseph was detained & the Cargo on Board of her embezeled particularly by Josiah Martin late Governor & commander in chief of that province as fully appears by the protest of the aforesaid William Braddon herewith also exhibited.

That the said sloop Joseph with her Cargo was illegally Confiscated by the said George Sibles & the said Josiah Martin without libel or consideration whereby your petitioners are sufferers to near the amount of one thousand and five hundred pounds Current money of the Province of Pennsylvania.

That your petitioners immediately after the Capture of the said sloop Joseph made application to the Provincial Congress of the said province of North Carolina who appointed a committee to Consider the facts as stated by your petitioners which said committee reported thereon as appears by the copy of the same likewise exhibited.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honorable house will take their unhappy case into particular Consideration & grant them an order to seize the effects of the aforesaid Josiah Martin within the province of New York to reimburse the loss your petitioners have sustained by the capture & detention of the said sloop Joseph & her Cargo or such other relief your Honorable house shall seem meet and your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

May, 1776. JOSEPH WOOD, Jr for self & copartners.

Estimate of the loss above mentioned.

Sloop Joseph with furniture, tackle, etc., Jan. 5, 1776	£625
Cargo on board,	670 3 7
	£1295 3 7

Protest of William Raddon.

North Carolina, } ss.
Edenton. }

By this public Instrument of Protest and writing, bearing date hereafter mentioned, Be it known and manifest to all whom it may concern, that on the twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, Before Me Thomas Jones notary Tabellion Public residing at Edenton, in the province aforesaid, by lawful authority duly admitted and sworn according to Law personally appeared William Raddon, late master of the sloop Joseph, and made oath on the holy evangelists of Almighty God before me as notary aforesaid, that on the ninth day of January last past, He, this deponent sailed with the said sloop Joseph, from the city of Philadelphia bound to Savanah in the province of Georgia, and proceeded down to Reedy Island in the river of Delaware, where the navigation was obstructed by the Ice untill the eleventh day of ffebruary last past, when this deponent sailed with the said sloop Joseph on his intended Voyage. That early in the morning of the thirteenth day of the same month the said sloop Joseph then being in the Latitude of 35 d. 10 m, and about fifteen leagues from the land, this deponent discovered a Vessel on the weather quarter steering down for her, That this deponent made immediately all the sail he could from the said Vessel, and it being smooth water ran very fast from her, That in the afternoon it fell calm when this deponent discovered a boat rowing from the said Vessel (she then being about a league astern) and about five o'clock in the evening the said boat came along side the said sloop Joseph, That this deponent hailed the people on board the said boat and requested to know what was the Vessel astern, they informed him she was the armed sloop, General Gage, Commanded by George Sibles, bound from Boston to Cape ffear, and then immediately boarded the said sloop Joseph, being eight in number compleatly armed with muskeets and Cutlasses. That as soon as they got on board the officer who Commanded them ordered this deponent to get into the boat and go on board the said sloop General Gage with his papers, which this deponent accordingly did. That when this deponent got on board the same, he delivered his papers to the Commanding officer who after perusing them told this deponent that the said sloop Joseph was a good prize "papers or no papers" as he had orders to seize every vessel he met with on his passage, and then directed this deponent to remain on board the said sloop General Gage where this deponent was put into the hold with the Common seamen. That on the same evening the mate and seamen belonging to the said sloop Joseph were taken out of her and put on board the said sloop General Gage, and a mate and six men were sent on board the said sloop Joseph to navigate her into Cape ffear. That on the twenty-first day of the same month the said sloop General Gage got into Cape ffear river, and on the twenty-second of the same month the said sloop Joseph also arrived and was moored under the guns of the Faulcon sloop of War, Commanded by John Linzee then

Commodore of the fleet laying at Fort Johnson. That the next day after the arrival of the said sloop Joseph, one John Collett who came passenger in the said sloop General Gage from Boston, and who, as this deponent was informed had a commission as Captain of "loyal fensible Americans" went on board the said sloop Joseph with the commander of the said sloop General Gage, and broke open the hold of the said sloop Joseph and took out a butt of porter, a parcel of loaf sugar and cheese, that a few days after the purser of the Scorpion sloop of War came down from Brunswick with an order from Josiah Martin, Esquire, late Governor and Commander-in-chief of the province aforesaid, to take a large quantity of provisions out of the said sloop Joseph, being part of the cargo of the same. That this deponent remained a prisoner on board the said sloop General Gage until the fourth day of March instant, when he made his escape with Joseph Wood, part owner of the said sloop Joseph, and several other persons who had been detained prisoners with this deponent by special orders given by the aforesaid John Linzee to the Commander of the said sloop General Gage.

Wherefore the said William Raddon late master aforesaid, before me did protest against the said George Sibles Commander of the said sloop General Gage the said John Collett, the said John Linzee Commander of the Faulcon sloop of War, and the said Josiah Martin, late Governor and Commander-in-chief of the province aforesaid, and all other persons with them concerned for all losses, costs and damages whatsoever, that hath or may accrew to the owners, Freighters or insurers, or any person or persons whatsoever concerned in the said sloop Joseph and the Cargo on Board the same for the reasons herein before mentioned. Whereupon I the said Thomas Jones notary as aforesaid at the instance and request of the said William Raddon, did and do hereby solemnly and in due form sign and attest this present protest of, for, and concerning all and singular, the premisses aforesaid in the particular manner herein before mentioned and expressed as if the same were herein again particularly mentioned and repeated.

[SEAL.] W^M RADDON.

In testimonio Veritatis,

THO. JONES, Not. Pub., Edenton, N° Carolina.

Record^t eodem die.

Report on the Petition of Joseph Wood.

NORTH CAROLINA, IN CONGRESS, 12^th April 1776.

The Committee for taking into consideration the petition of Joseph Wood & partners reported as follows —

Your Committee having inquired into the several allegations set forth in the said petition do report as follows,

That the said Joseph Wood and partners with Permission of the committee of the city and Liberties of Philadelphia did on the fifth day of January last past load on Board the sloop Joseph, William Raddon Master Sundry Goods and Merchandize on their own account to the Value of £670 3 7 on the account of William Todd £190 of Joseph Wood Jun^r £10 of William Raddon £9 18 prime cost in Philadelphia all which were consigned to the said Joseph Wood Jun^r and bound to Georgia that in his passage the said Sloop and Cargo were taken by an armed vessel called the General Gage George Sybles master and carried into Cape Fear River where Josiah Martin Esquire late Governor of this province, bore the chief command and the officers under Command of the said Josiah Martin did Violently seize the said Sloop and Cargo and apply them to the use of the enemies of America, whereby the said Joseph & Partners lost fifteen hundred pounds Current Money of Pennsylvania over & above the Profits they might reasonably have made.

The house taking the same into consideration Concurred therewith.

By order

JA^s GRUNJIM, *Secy.*

[Here follows Bill of Lading of the Cargo of the Sloop Joseph, viz.: 295 Bbls of Flour, 70 Bbls of Bread, 20 boxes of Soap, 10 boxes of Candles, 1 box of Choclate, 1 hhd of Cheese, 1 hhd of Loaf Sugar & 12 casks of Porter.]

Return of Prisoners in Jail, &c., at New York.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 7.]

Officers.

Joseph Woolcomb,
Will[m] M[c]Dermont,
Will[m] Alder,
Tho[s] R. Harris,
W[m] Medcalf,
} In Jail.

Farmer.

Peter Burnett, sick in Alms house.

Pilotts.

Henry Kilgrove,
Ryner Van housen,
} In Jail.

Sailors.

Jerm[h] Readon,
Francis Clines,
} in health
Mich[ll] Conry,
Cezar Freeman,
} Sick
} In Jail.

John Gibbons, Sick in Alms House.

Inhabitants.

Tho[s] Varnom,
Belshaz[r] Creamer,
} In Jail.

The Goaler has been threatened by the Prisoners; he wants a guard. Doctor Van bueren heard them.

May 6[th] 1776.

Alexander Monerieff to Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 97.]

New York, 7[th] May 1776.

Honourable Gentlemen of this Proventional Congress or Committee of Saffety.

This I am to aequaint you That I am under the necessity of Resigning the office of being your Jail Keeper, which this Hon[ble] Board Confer'd on me the 24[th] Aprile 1776, where I do Return my sincere thanks to the Hon[ble] Board for the preferment.

Be pleas'd to give me an audience befor this Honourable Convention, & I will give my Candid Reason for my desire of Resigning —

I am with Sincerity your most Obedient Servant,

ALEX[R] MONCRIEFF.

Joseph Blanchard to Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 93.]

New York, May 7[th] 1776.

Gentlemen of the Committee of safety now convened in the city of New York.

As I am under an accusation of carrying on a communication with some of the persons on board the ships lying near sandy hook, I hope you will Indulge me in laying the matter before you which I will do according to the Best of my remembrance, Cap[t] Darby's Evidence which you have minuted is very Just as to what I said about there being a Comunication from Persons in this city to those ships, if he said any thing about my sending Books on Board that is wrong for I neither bought or sent any nor anything else Exeept a small memo[m] Blank Book ½ [c] Goose quills & one small Bottle Turlington's Balsam which I sent Col[l] Fanning by M[r] Nixon —The Books were bo[t] of one Green by the Col[le] negrow as I have learn't today from M[rs] Hatch I never saw them but heard her say they were sent while M[r] Nixon went on board the Dutchess, I often wrote to Col[l] Fanning my letters were always delivered to him open nor did I ever send one to him sealed since he went on Board, the last Letter I rec[d] from him is dated the 20[th] april (I think) and Inclo[d] an order I had sent to receive some money for me from one Pell who I tho[t] was on board the Asia I gave an order to this Pell to Receive of M[r] Banyar and bring to me £15 expecting him back Imediately with the money But instead of bringing me the money he went on Board the Asia as I learn'd afterwards by the man, that Caryed him—By the last letter I rec[d] from the Col[le] I had some small hopes of getting the money which was the occasion of my sending him the Last Letter Inclosing the order as before and the map he wrote for which letter contained nothing but

a Desire to him to use his utmost to get that money and to send up a return of a warrent of Survey executed by M^r^ Banker and myself I did not think there was any harm in this small piece of negociation as not one word was wrote about anything but about the money the return of Survey that his Deed was ready for him and that I hoped he had rec^d^ the quills, &c. Not one word of News or anything about Pollitieks was ever hinted in any letter either from him to me or me to him in any letter that ever passed between us as to the Governor I never wrote him one word nor never rec^d^ any kind of message from him of any kind whatsoever Cap^n^ Gibbs says I could tell what I was arrested for though he never mentioned anything of the reason to me. When he was examining over my papers he saw a letter Directed to the Governor which he spoke something about and viewed it with more attention than he had other papers and my calling to mind the Discourse I had with Cap^t^ Darby and that I had sent letters on board Concluded it must be that. That I had carry'd on a Correspondence on board is not deny'd but then it will not follow that it was criminal unless it was so, in sending the Last letter after the comittee had resolved to the contrary he also mentions that he found in my room General Sulevans Marching Orders—That is true and at first I did not Recollect much about it but after a Little while I remembered that I picked it up in Lieu^t^ Fishers House which was much frequented by the Jersee officers what Led me to look on it particularly was my seeing General Sullivans name to it and as I knew him when he was a young man I Look'd to see the hand writing, I have not the Least remembrance of Putting it into my Pocket nor do Remember anything of it afterwards till I saw it on the Table when M^r^ Gibbs found it but this I can Positively declare that I never did nor tho^t^ of making any kind of use of it in any respect except it was just to look it over out of curiosity nor do I conceive what use could be made of it that could not have been as well affected without it, for those orders were as publick as anything in town nor was the Least secrsey observed about them the Business wrote about to Lord Sterling I affected by letter to Col^l^ Fanning so Major Roger said there was no occasion of Delivering it. I knew the contents and went several times to my Lord on purpose to deliver him the letter but could not see him. As to my using the officers ill that informed against me (If I did) it was occasioned by my being confined in such a manner that had any of them Come to me for information about conveyance I won'd have Freely given them all the information I was possess'd of which in short I had done before which I tho^t^ they would not have disputed on the Least Reflection on the openess which appeared in me in our Former Conversation on that head. My ill Treatment of them is much Exaggerated neither were they altogether silent in their retorts, as to every Tittle of what I have wrote above I can be quallify'd to the truth and will if Deser^d^.

That when any man's tryal depends on his own Confession the whole should be taken and not any one part. My political principals are kown by some of this Committee and I defy Even Envy it self to say that I ever said or did any thing Dissapproving of the measures now persuing by the Continant to Free America from the oppression designed her by Great Britain, but always tho^t^ and often said that the American Opposition was Just and hartily wish'd it success. I will cheerfully attend the Hon^ble^ Committee whenever they shall see fit and give any satisfaction to them in my power Concerning these matters and Rest their most obed^t^ and most humble ser^t^, JOSEPH BLANCHARD.

John McKesson to the Deputies of Westchester County.

[Mil. Com. 25: 549.]

New York, May 7^th^ 1776, 2, o'Clock.

Gentlemen: The Congress has now waited two days for the attendance of the members of your County to make a House and proceed to Business.

All the other Counties present complain of you When the Gentlemen from West Chester were here on Saturday they engaged that A Representation of their County

should attend on Monday—There are Public Clamours from all Quarters for want of money & a Congress.

I have it in command from the Gentlemen present to request the attendance of a Quorum from your County and that if any of you on whom this Express should call cannot set off immediately and travel to the City Hall without a stop or rest, that in that case you send to some Gentleman will attend—

Some Gentlemen say, West Chester ought to pay the Express and the whole expense of the Members attending here while they are absent.

I have the Honor to be most Respectfully Gentlemen—your humble Servt

JOHN McKESSON.

To the Deputies of Westchester County, or any three of them.

Commitment of Thomas Wooley.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 711.]

May 8, 1776.

Whereas, it appears to this Congress upon sufficient Proof & after hearing of & Defense made by Thomas Wooley, of Cow Neck in Queens County Felt maker that the said Thomas Wooley has three times contumaciously refused to appear in Arms in the Militia Company of the district in which he resides commanded by Capt John Sands & has challenged his said Capt to a duel for having done his duty in his Office towards the sd Thomas Wooley and therefore appears to this Congress as a person whose going at large is dangerous to the liberties of America, it is hereby

Ordered that the Said Capt Sands do convey the said Thomas Wooley to the Common Goal of Queens County & the keeper of the said Goal is hereby ordered & required to receive the said Thomas Wooley into his Custody & him safely keep in the common Goal Afd at his own expence until further order of this or some future provincial Congress or Committe of Safety of this Colony.

Mrs. Provoost to the Committee of Safety.

[Petitions, 32: 135.]

New York, May 8th 1776.

Gentlemen: Being informed that my son David Provoost, a passenger on board the Brige Amazon lately taken by the Men of war at the Hook, is detained a Prisoner on Board the Asia Man of War; I beg leave to ask the favor of the Gentlemen of the Committee of Safety to use their Influence with his Excellency General Washington to Permit some Person to go on Board of the Asia in order to treat about my dear son's Releasement, as it peculiarly hard upon him who had nothing to do with the Vessel or Cargo to be detained a prisoner almost at my own Door.

Your kind offices therefore to effect if possible my sons discharge will much oblige, Gentlemen, Your most Humble servant,

EVE PROVOOST.

(Indorsed) We can't take the Asia yet.

Recruiting Warrants issued by the Convention, to the 1st N. Y. Continentals.

[Mil. Com. 25: 165, 676.]

1st Company.

24th February, 1776. John Johnson, Captain, Leonard Bleecker, 1st Lieut.; Henry Tiebout 2d Lieut., and Theodosius Fowler, Ensign. Mr. Bleecker's Warrant dated 13th May. I have blank warrant.

2d Company.

24th February, 1776. William A. Forbes, 1st Lieut. of Capt. Varrick's Company; Aaron Van Hook, 2d Lieut.; James Fairley, Ensign.

3d Company.

24th February. Benjamin Ledyard, James M. Hughes; Peter Vergereau, 2d Lt.

4th Company.

24th February. David Lyon; Benj. Walker, 1st Lieut.; Cornelius Bicker, 2d Lieut.; James Bonnell, time uncertain, vide 26th. Dated 26th Feb.

5th Company.

24th February, 1776. Capt. Abrm A. Van Wyck; Abrm A. Baneker, 1st Lieut.; William W. Depeyster, Ensign; William Tapp, 2d Lieut. (Query when appointed); 13th Jnne, 1776.

6th Company.

24th February. John Wiley; John Johnston, 1st Lieut.; Samuel Young, Ensign; Henry Dow Trip, 2d Lieut., 24th April.

7th Company.

25th April. Captain Ezekiel Hait, 8th April; Caleb Hobby, 1st Lieut.; Joseph Degroet, 2d Lieut.; Isaac Poineair, Ensign. All 8th April.

8th Company.

Cornelius Steinrod, Capt.; Isaac Titus, 1st Lieut.; Andrew Taylor, 2d Lieut. 18 June dated; Benj. Jones, Ensign. 27 April. I have seen it.

9th Company.

10th March, 1776. Ambrose Horton, Capt.; Thomas Le Foy, 1st Lieut.; his warrant dated 28th March, 1776. Mr. Le Foy says Wm. Dunn is 2d Lieut., and Capt. Horton says it is dated 30th March.

Sebastian Beauman, Esq. Capt. of a company of artillery in the regt commanded by Hen: Knox, Esq.; 30th March.

———, Capt. of a Compy of Artillery, New York Forces.

16th March. Joseph Crane, Capt. Lieut; George Flemming, 1st Lieut.; Jacob Reed, Jr., 2d Lieut.; Cornelius Swartwoudt, 3d Lieut., or Lieut. fireworker, 16th April, 1776.

Tiebout, Forbes, and Fowler, Commissions not filled up.

Ledyard's Company, no Ensign.

Captain Horton and Officers' commissions not made out.

Captain Steinrod's commissions not dated.

Hen: D. Trip. Qu. Date of his warrant?

Memorandum—To make Mr. Tapp's warrant of last year June 28 or thereabouts.

Commissions delivered to Capt. Dan'l Roe, May 9, 1776. [Jas. Clinton's Regiment.]

Captain Dan'l Roe, March 1st County Committee.

1st Lieut. Jonathan Titus, March 4, County Committee.

2d Lieut. George Smith, March 1, County Committee.

Ensign Benj. Titus, March 4, County Committee.

Captain Dan'l Grifling, Feb. 19, from Congress.

Lieut. Benj. Marvin, Feb. 19, from Congress.

Lieut. Nathaniel Norton, March 1, from Committee of the County.

Ensign Jacob Conckling, March 1, from Committee of the County.

Captain John Davis, Feb. 26, from Committee of the County.

1st Lieut. Wm. Havens, March 4, from Committee of the County.

2d Lieut. Edward Conckling, March 1, from Committee of the County.

Ensign Silvanus Conckling, March 4, from Committee of the County.

Officers of the Second N. Y. Continentals.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 674.]

The date of the warrents belonging to the officers of the 2d Battalion of New York Forces.

2d *Company.*

James Rosekrans, Capt. Warrent dated Febry 19th 1776.

Thomas Lee, First Lieut. Warrt dated Feby 27th 1776.

Danl Lawrence, 2d Lieut. do do do 27th 1776.

Joseph Balding, Ensign. Declind 15th July, 1776. } Wts datd 27th February, 1776.

Henry Swartwout appointed the same time. }

4th *Company.*

William Jackson, Cap. Febr 24th
Israel Smith, Lieut. 24th
Peter Elsworth, 24th
Isaac A. Roosa Ensign, 24th

5th *Company.*

John Belknap, Capt. Warrent dated Feby 26th 1776.
Zachariah Hasbrook, 1st Lieut. do do do do
Henry Pawling, 2d Lieut. do do do do
David Hunter, Ensign. do do do do

6th *Company.*

Abm Swartwout, Capt. Warrent dated Feby 19th 1776.
Simeon Tryon, 1st Lieut. do do do do
Eli Parsons, 2d Lieut. do do do do

Isaac Finch Appointed Ensign In the Room of George Brook Deceasd, by the County Committe of Dutchess. Appt 15th May 1776.

Increase Child, Cap. April 12th
John Lloyd, Lieut. Feb. 27th
Saml Dodge, do 27.
John Ponderson, Ensign, 27th

Lieut. Isarel Smith is Appointed pay master to the Regt. Ensign Finch will decline the service.

Application of Messrs. Smith and Duryee.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 355.]

May 1776.

Mr. Chairman, Honble Sir: Give me leave through you to supplicate The Honble House for a cirtificate, having served in the army last Year as chief Engineer under Genl Lee and one of the Engineers of the Grand Army, and the Year before Capt. Lieut. of Artillery

Being now a Freeholder of New York and an Inhabitant of this State—having Merchandize to Transport from this State into the State of the Massachusetts Bay, and in that State has now Goods ready to Transport for the use of this State. Your Supplicant Humbly beg's the Honble House would give him such a Certificate as he may pass unmolested with his Merchandize, and in Duty bound shall every pray.

Wm SMITH.

late Engineer to the Continental army with Rank of Lieut. Colo.

Mr. Charles Duryee, Late Merchant of New York, but now of North Castle—begs for the Like Certificate.

William Floyd to John McKesson.

[Mil. Com. 25: 564.]

Philadelphia, May 9th 1776.

Dear Sir: I have this morning Received a letter from Thomas Everit acquainting that he was offering to his Creditors the payment of one-half down provided he could have letter of licence for two years and half, if there is no better chance and the Creditors in General agree to it, I believe you had as good do it in my behalf, but I leave the matter wholly with you to conduct it as you would your own, and I shall be content. Two men of war yesterday came up the River with some tenders and prize vessels with them between Wilmington and Chester, they were met by 13 Roagalleys of this place when a Battle Ensued which lasted most all the afternoon, with very heavy fireing on both sides. I have not heard the Galleys have suffered any dammage. The Roe Buck which is the largest Ship was obliged to stop the Bullet holes around her side and at highwater ran aground, while the men of war was

Engaged. Our vessel the (Wasp) went out of Wilmington River and Retook one of the prize vessels. The Provence ship mounting 16 or 18 guns, full maned, is gone to the assistance of the Galleys—we have no news this morning from them—but expect every moment to hear.

The preparations which are making by our Enemies on the other side the water, from the Inteligence we have, appear to be very Considerable, which makes it necessary that all the Collonies should be in a situation best calculated to Exert its whole strength.

I think it cannot be long before our Provencial Congress will think it necessary to take up some more stable form of Goverment than what is now Exercised in that provence.—the two Carolina" have done it—and Virginea I expect will soon do the same.

As to Commissioners coming to treat of peace we have little or no hopes of it, therefore we ought to be in a situation to preserve our Liberties another way—my complements to all friends. I am Sir, Your most Obd[t]

W[M] FLOYD.

Provincial Congress to the Committee of Queen's County.

[Mil. Com. 25: 574.]

In Provincial Congress, May 10[th] 1776.

Gentlemen: Being informed that the Inhabitants of your County have appointed a County Committee, and that Committees are likewise chosen in several Districts, for the Purpose of carrying into Execution the Resolutions of the Continental and this Congress—and considering the absolute necessity of having all the Friends of the Country in a Capacity of defending it and themselves against the relentless Hand of Tyranny. We do earnestly recommend it to you to use all possible Diligence in forming the Inhabitants of your County who have signed the Association and are friendly to the American Cause into Military Companies and Regiments according to the Resolves of the Provincial Congress for regulating the military of this Colony—and that you recommend to us as soon as possible suitable persons for field officers—and a Major of Brigade.

We are, Gentlemen, with the greatest Respect, Your very Humble Servants.

By order.

Proceeding of the Albany Committee.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 568.]

Albany Committee Chamber, 9[th] May 1776.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board, That Abraham C. Cuyler, Stephen De Lancey, and John Monier are notoriously disaffected in the Cause of America, and that they be Cited to appear before this Board, and upon appearance that the New Association be Tendered them.

11[th] May 1776. Abraham C. Cuyler, Esq[r] in pursuance of a citation appeared before this Board, and refused to sign the New Association, Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Abraham C. Cuyler be disarmed, and that the Arms so taken be deposited in the Hands and Custody of the Chairman.

Stephen De Lancey, Esq[r] also appeared, and declared, that he would not sign the Association, as it was not done by the whole County, and refused to hear the same read, Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Stephen De Lancey be disarmed, and the Arms also lodged with the Chairman.

John Monier also appeared before this Board, and refused to sign the Association declaring he was a Kings Officer, Thereupon,

Resolved, That the said John Monier be disarmed, and the Arms also lodged with the Chairman. Extracts from the Minutes:

MAT. VISSCHER, *Sec'y*.

Ensign Clayes to General Washington.

[Petitions, 32: 108.]

May 12th 1776.

May it please your Excellency:

I make bold to aquaint your Excellency that being the Officer of the Guard at the Old City Hall over the prisoners confined by order of the Provincial Congress, I was very disagreably surprised by a very tumultuous noise; occasioned by the Mob bringing a certain Charles Oliver Bruff, on suspision of being a Tory, who is now in my custody, but as I have no orders to receive him the said Bruff, most humbly refer the matter to your Excellency for further orders. Your Excellency Complying with my Request will greatly oblige your Excellency's most devoted Humble Servt

PETER CLAYES,
Ensign in Coll Nixon's Regiment.

Petition of William Duer.

[Petitions, 32: 85.]

To the Right Honble the President and Members of the Provincial Convention of the Province of New York.

The Humble Petition of William Duer of the County of Charlotte humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner on the 16th of April last was regularly chosen one of the Deputies to represent this County in Provincial Convention for the ensuing year by a very large Body of the prineipal Freeholders and Freemen who have all signed the General association and are unfeignedly attached to the cause of American Liberty.

That John Williams, Alexander Webster and William Malcolm (of New York) have been likewise chosen for Deputies in several Districts and that the Elections in none of the Districts where such persons were chosen were held either on the Day or in the manner appointed by the Provincial Regulation of the 12th of Mareh last, but, that on the eontrary the most malicious Falsehoods, Arts & Threats were made use of to influence the minds of the Electors by the very persons who held the poll in some Districts and that many persons were admitted to vote by no means qualified as the law directs.

That the Committee of the County of Charlotte met on the 1st of May and notwithstanding the Irregularity of the Election in the Districts of New perth, Skeens borough, Black Creek and Granville, they decided the election in favor of the persons above mentioned without waiting for the poll lists from several Townships in which your Petitioner was elected or granting a scrutiny agreeable to his earnest application although the union of the County much depended on an impartial Decision of the merits of this election.

That the only reason which your petitioner has ever heard offer'd for this precipitate step, was the non attendance of the Members for the Districts of Kingsbury &c in order to produce their Poll lists on the first of May although no positive order to that effect was (as your petitioner is credibly informed) at the preceding meeting of the 29th March ever entered in the minutes of the Committee. A strange Conclusion! from which it may be inferr'd that the orders of the Committee however irregularly specified are to be inexorably observ'd like the laws of the Medes and Persians even at the Hazard of the union of the County whilst the positive Ordinances of your honourable Body may be dispens'd with by the mere capriee by the Chairman of the County Committee.

Your Petitioner further begs leave to represent, that some members of the County Committee instead of Judges made themselves Parties to the merits of the election by which means the Jealousies and Dissentions which have arisen in this County from the designs of turbulent, interested, and ambitious persons and from an

inadequate Representation of the Freeholders, and Freemen in the County Committee have much increased.

That your Petitioner at the earnest request of several of the Principal Freeholders and Freemen of this County offer'd himself a Candidate to represent them in Convention flattering himself that from an impartial Representation of the Political management of affairs in this County, the inhabitants might be rescu'd from that anarchy and oppression with which they are threatened.

That the most wicked and false aspersions have been thrown out to discourage his exertions by the arts and Influence of men who are strangers to integrity and the true Principles of Civil liberty and that the Committee have unhappily given their sanction to such unworthy attempts. That your Petitioner is nevertheless conscious of his zealous attachment to the Grand Cause and Pledges himself to prove to the satisfaction of your honorable House the Truth of these assertions and the Purity of his zeal for the happiness and union of this County.

He therefore humbly prays that the Deputies now offering themselves for this County may not be permitted to take their seats in your honorable House as the legal Representatives of this County and that any Proceedings with Respect to your Petitioner, and the Committee of this County may be suspended till his arrival in New York which he flatters himself will be about the 14th Inst.

Your Petitioner is at present engaged in procuring true lists of the Qualified Votes in the different districts and in Collecting other Material to prove to the Satisfaction of this House the lamentable State of this County and the urgent necessity there is that the wisdom of your Body should interfere, to save it from anarchy and oppression. Your Petitioner therefore flatters himself that this may plead in Excuse should he not be present on the first day that the New Convention meets. This Petition is presented in behalf of upwards of two hundred of the principal Freeholders and Freemen of the County to the westward of the New Hampshire Grant whose Sacred right of Election your Petitioner esteems it his Duty to defend from the usurpation of any body of men whatsoever.

They were the legal majority at the close of the poll, had a regard for Justice and the ordinances of your house prevailed he therefore considers himself as one of their legal Representatives And your Petitioner &c.

W. DUER.

Appenx The Election in the different districts where John williams, Alexander Webster and william Malcolm were chosen open'd on the following days at the Places undermentioned: New Perth 23rd April, Black Creek 22nd April, Skeens borough and Granville on same day betwext the 1st and 16th of April.

(Indorsed.) May 4, 1776 W. DUER.

Petition of Rynier Vanhoese.

[Petitions, 32: 104.]

New City Hall, the 14th May, 1776.

Honourbl Gentlemen: I have been in goal upwards three months having no crime against me, and had no hearing since I been in this confinement. I humbly implore and petition your Honours to give me a hearing as I never knew the circumstance of a fault or crime I been guilty of. Been very destitute since my been Cunfined having a large family of children and no person whatsoever to assist them but me poor wife whom are all together with out friends. I implore of your honour's to give me a hearing the next opertuny so that it may be the means of ascisting me voor Distresd Family.

I am your honours most obedt Humble servt

RYNR VANHOESE.

Charles Friend to N. Y. Provincial Congress.

[Petitions, 32: 106.]

GENT^N: I beg leave to inform the Honorable House that I have attended Ten Days on the money affair beg leave if tis consistent with Reason I may be discharged my expences & loss of Time is a great disadvantage to my narrow circumstances as my Goods at this time is in great demand being a button maker Y^r kind compliance will greatly oblige Gent^n y^r obed^t serv^t CHARLES FRIEND.

NEW YORK, 18^th May 1776.

(Indorsed.) Charles Friend is a button maker and wants to go to button making.

Petition of Prisoners belonging to H. M. Ship Phœnix.

[Petitions, 32: 5.]

May it please the honorable committee.

HONOURED GENTLE^N: Wee the prisoners of his Majesty's Ships the Phynex & Savage humbly implore of your Honors to allow us a proportion of provisions to live upon.

The Keeper M^cCleep gives us but six pence star^lg per day we are all most perished for it is impossible for us to live at this rate. Wee cant say Gentlemen had your Honours been notified before you would make us a sufficent of provisions.

Therefor Gentlemen here follows for instanee The proportion of provisions that is Allowed to prisonrs takeing by his Majesty's Ships of warr taken from the Honourable Congress. The proportion per week: Bread, 7 lbs.; Beef, 7 lbs.; peas, 1 qt.; oatmeal, 1½ qts.; Brandy, 1¾ Do; Butter, ¾ lbs.; flour, 2 lbs.; suet, ½ lbs.

Now Honoured Gentlemen, Compute the current price of provisions Never deviates from the above proportion on board his Majesty's ships by whatsoever Nation he may take prisoners from much more a natural fraternity as wee all cant say the reverse the market is in this port is so that by it wee cant live. The midshipman taken with us you allow 18^s per week & wee are to live upon 6^d sterling per day. Had the highest commander of france or Spain been taken by the said Majesty have no more of provisions to be allowed them than the seamen on board the respective ships Had any commander in Chief been taken at this your honourable eauses side they would be no proportion of provisions made than the said proportion Now gentlemen consider this. Been myself stuard and Clerk in the Naval service these 6 years. I am your honour's humble servant

NEW CITY HALL, 22d May, 1776. JERMIAH RAIRDAN.

[Allowed 14d. a day subsistence.]

John McDonald to Provincial Congress.

[Misel. Pap. 34: 240.]

GENTLEMEN: After exploring the mines both in Orange and Dutchess County have brought the full Reports to your Honourable House on the 26^th April 1776, the day there after some of the Members desired me to wait on the gethering of as many members as might be sufficient to make a full and compleat house, to Determine upon the matter and that I would be rewarded for the attendance and thereby has been kept in suspence from time to time waiting for the Boards further Instruction Relative to Lead mines. Now expects that the Board will Clear me of all reasonable Demands as I am a poor man with a small family and Illey able to loose much Time.

Gentlemen, if my reports should meet with your approbation and thereon it should be Resolved to proceed to open said mines, it would be necessary to be furnished with an sufficient Instruction and therein to be authorized to Dig for mines in any part of the Colony, or the Neighbouring Colonies according to information, further to be impowered to call for any assistance that can be afforded by any Com-

mittee where occasion offers concerning the business in case any Gentleman would not gratify to break his Land to Explore mines for the Public Purpose with the greatest submission I beg the favour to let me know if I may depend on the mining employment, or if I must look for business where Providence may provide me, I expect your Good morals and acquaintances with the Disappointment I met with by the Request of Collonel Chandler in this Country, which Rendered me under all the Disadvantages of a stranger will excuse my freedom in giving this trouble, and am with the greatest submission and good wishes to your undertaking.

I am Your most Obed^{t} Humble Serv^{t}

JOHN McDONALD, *Miner.*

To The Honourable Provincial Congress for the County and Colony of New York.
May 23^{d} 1776.

Petition of Israel and Isaac Youngs.

[Petitions, 32: 65.]

To the Honourable the Members of the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York convened in Congress.

The petition of Israel Youngs and Isaac Youngs of the township of Huntington, on the Island of Nassau, in the province of New York Humbly Sheweth.

That some time in the month of February last Henry Dawkins late of this city engraver, came to the dwelling house of your petitioner the said Israel Youngs, and desired to board with him for a week or two which he consented to, that at the expiration of that time he desired to continue Boarding with him for a longer time which he agreed to, that the said Henry Dawkins some time after being at his house acquainted him that if he had a printing press he could make a very good living there, for several of the Hatters had spoken to him to print papers to put in their hats and sundry other matters which he could print, by which he could make a good living and wrote a letter by your petitionor the said Israel who was then going to New York to buy wheat to a person in that city whom he desired to send him a printing press by your petitioner the said Israel, that your petitioner the said Israel delivered the said letter to the said person to whom it was directed, who accordingly sent a printing press put up in a box by your petitioner the said Israel, that after the said Henry Dawkins had got the said printing press, and not before he told your petitioner the said Israel that he could make as good money as ever was, undiscovered, which your petitioner, the said Israel told your other petitioners, the said Isaac Youngs of, who replied that he thought that if he could it would be a sin, and that he would have nothing to do with it which your petitioner the said Israel also declared, that your petitioners have ever supported the character of honest men, and Friends to the liberties of This Country, of which they can produce undeniable proof untill it was their misfortune to fall in with the said Henry Dawkins in manner before mentioned, that they are ready to prove their Innocency whenever this Honourable Congress shall be pleased to direct an inquiry to be made for that purpose which they most ardently pray for, and that in the mean time they may be admitted to give Bail or security for their appearance.

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that the Honourable Congress would be pleased to take their Case under consideration and appoint some short day for their trial or admit them or such one of them as they shall be pleased to Bail for their appearance untill they can be tried, or grant such other Relief in the premisses as in their Justice and Wisdom shall seem fit, and your petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray.

ISRAEL YOUNGS.
ISAAC YOUNGS

New York, 25th May 1776.

Petition from Orange County.

[Petitions, 32: 13.]

To the Honorable Provintial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Gentlemen: The subscribers being desirous (as much as in them lies) to promote the military Spirit in this Colony so very necessary at this alarming crysis have with the intire approbation of Col Jesse Woodhull (the Commanding officer of the reigment to which they belong) formed themselves into a body for a company of light Horse subject to such rules and regulations as now are or may hereafter be made by the Honorable Continental Congress on this or any future Congress of this province for regulateing the Militia within this colony and have also under the inspection of two members of the committee Elected a set of officers to command them. They therefore humbly request that Commissions may be made out for their officers as soon as possible in order that they may know what to depend on with regard to furnishin themselves with the Necessary apparatus for a complete Company of Light Horse—And as in duty bound they will ever pray, &c.

Joseph Conckling,	Benjamin Hulse,	Charles Howel,
Matthew Wielhame,	Daniel Reve,	Jonathon Dubois,
William Seely,	Nehemiah Clark,	Stephen Howel,
Thaddeus Seely,	Daniel Harrison,	John Seely,
Jonas Seely,	Silas Pearson, Jun^{r}	Moses Carpenter,
Philip Milled,	Luther Conkling,	Samuel Tuthill,
Samuel Bartlet,	Ebenezer Woodhull,	William Bradly,
Steph^{n} Gilbeart,	James Sayre,	Peter Hubert,
Joshua Hulse,	William Heard,	Nathaniel Woodhull,
Phinehas Heard,	Azariah Martin,	Hezekiah Watkins,
Timothy Little,	Sam^{l} Seely,	Isaac Vanduzer,
Jonathan Brooks, Jun^{r}	Gideon Salmon,	Andrew Lightbody,
John Brooks,	Israel Seely,	Benjamin Harlow.
Jonathan Sayre,	Samuel Tuthill,	

Blooming Grove, 27th May 1776.

In Committee for Cornwall precinct at Blooming Grove, May 31st 1776.

Application being made by the subscribers withing named for the approbation of this Committee to their forming themselves into a Company of Light Horse, and also for a recommendation to Congress in that behalf,

Resolved, Therefore that this Committee approve of the same and request that Commissions may be granted accordingly if consistent with the rules of Congress.

By order of the Committee,

ELIHU MARVIN, *Chairman.*

Attest: Thomas Moffat, *Clk.*

Petition of Lieutenant Swartwout.

[Petitions, 32: 69.]

To the Hon^{ble} Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen: I am requested by Cap^{t} Bauman to lay before your Honours that with his approbation I have done Duty in his Company of Artillery as Third Lieutenant, and we recruited great part of the men both in town & country. I have already passed Review before Lord Stirling. His Lordship & Colonel Knox having gave orders for the company to pass General Muster with the Regiment of Artillery to-morrow Morning. I beg your Honors will be pleased to grant me that appointment which will confer an Honor upon one who always has been and ever shall be ready to lay down his life in defence of his Country.

I have the honor to be Hon^{ble} Gent^{n} your most obed^{t} serv^{t}

New York, 25 May, 1776. CORNELIUS SWARTWOUT.

(Indorsed.) Let me be 3^{d} Lieut^{t} of Beauman's Company—Yes.

Petition of Isaac Young.

[Petitions, 32: 99.]

May 28th 1776.

To the Gentlemen of the Honorable House of Congress for the Government of New York.

I the subscriber Beg the favour to Be once more admited to come in & adress myself before you. ISAAC YOUNGS.

P.S. Gentelmen if I have wroat or said any Thing amis I Beg to be forgiven for if I have it is Innosently.

Petition of Thomas Loosley and Thomas Elms, Paper Makers.

[Petitions, 32: 75.]

To The honourable Congress of the Province of New York.

Gentlemen: Whereas by the Rules and Orders lately published by your Honourable House *For Regulating the Militia of this Colony* which rules & orders from our particular Circumstances being unable to comply with we have been subjected to several Fines which we have paid for non attendance on the Days appointed for publick exercise and are according to the said Rules and orders still liable to the penalty of being advertized and held up as enemies to the Country tho' we have ever been hearty Friends to it and are constantly labouring to the utmost of our abilities, in our professions, to promote its interests as well as our own by carrying on and perfecting a most useful manufactory to supply the country with an important and absolutely necessary article for which great sums used annually to be sent abroad and as in these times of general Diffieuly this honourable house has shown a particular attention to the encouragement of useful arts & manufactories among which paper making is a very considerable one, We humbly hope your honours will take our case into consideration and not only grant us an exemption from the impending penalty before mentioned but relieve us from the severity of the times to which we at present stand liable tho' we do not desire to be wholly exempt from contributing to the publick expense in the necessary Defence of the Country against the invaders of our common rights & Liberties We humbly beg leave to represent that we were regularly bred in England to the business of Paper Making which we understand in all its Branches and have carried to higher degrees of perfection than ever it arrived before in America where we have been the means of increasing the number of Paper Mills, improving their construction, and moderating the price of paper But, the work being carried on at a great expense no less than 20s per day for rent and a number of hands who require our constant oversight and direction we could not attend the forementioned military Exercises but at an excessive Disadvantage & expense which would certainly either ruin the Business or oblige us to discontinue it For the rent would still go on & the water run to waste. The workmen left to themselves might neglect or spoil the work, Disorder and habits of Idleness take place & and effectually put an end to that attention, Care, Industry & Frugality that are absolutely necessary to give success to this Business Nor would it have been in our power to supply you gentlemen with paper for provincial money nor the printers with whom we have contracted, with the quantities necessary for their Weekly publications which will not admit of Disapointments.

For the foregoing reasons Gentlemen we hope you will grant our Request especially in an exemption from the Military Service for which we are no way qualified nor provided with arms But though we cannot be servicable in a Military Capacity we hope in the Business of our profession we may prove ourselves usefull members of society and that therefore a service will not be insisted on that would oblige us to drop our Business and quit the place.

We are Gentlemen Your Most Obed^{t} Serv^{ts}

CHARLES LOOSLEY,

New York, 29th May, 1776. THO^{S} ELMS.

Petition of Alexander Moncrieff.

[Petitions, 32: 73.]

New Goal, 29th May 1776.

Honble Convention: My poor & bad state of Health at present & which is like to continue on me, Renders me uneapable of being any Longer your Jail Keeper Therefore request of this Honourable Board to appoint another to succed me in this office.

I do recommend Mr Daniel Goldsmith to be a proper person to this office Be pleased to accept of him.

I am your most Obedient servant,

ALEXR MONCRIEFF.

Petition of the Vestry of New York.

[Petitions, 32: 83.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

The memorial of the Vestry of the City and County of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That we have been elected to the office of Assessors to lay the tax for the maintenance and support of the poor of this City and County for the current year.

That the money annually raised for several years past for that purpose amounted to Five thousand Pounds, a sum barely sufficient for the purpose and in some years inadequate to the end.

That there are now at least near four hundred Poor in the Alms house in this City & the Buildings adjoining which number will in all probability be encreased from the Calamitous Circumstances of the times.

That as great numbers of the inhabitants & generally those who are the most opulent have retired to the Country: we deem it impraetible (should we proceed to the execution of our office) for the Collectors to raise a sum in any degree adequate to the exigencies of the Poor under our care: that these Poor consist of the Blind & the lame; numerous helpless orphans, tender distressed Infants, Foundlings & decripid old age in its last stage, the siek in body & distempered in mind, many of whom have by various means fallen into this City as well from different parts of this colony as from other colonies & countries.

Prompted therefore by the feelings of humanity we have thought fit to lay before you the present difficulties and our apparent inability to procure a support for so great a number of Poor, hoping that in your wisdom some means may be found to secure these unhappy objects from all the Wretchedness of Poverty & disease.

Your memorialists therefore pray that by order or resolve of this Honourable Congress the sum of Five Thousand pounds may be advanced or lent to the City of New York for the support of the Poor or sueh other relief granted in the premisses as may be adequate to the present Distress.

And your memorialists shall ever pray, &c.

ISAAC MARSCHALK,
FRANS BASSETT,
WILLIAM W. LUDLOW,
HENRY RUTGERS, Jun', *Vestery*,
GEORGE JANEWAY,
PETER RICKER,
JOHN TURNER,
NICHOLAS FLETCHER.

(Indorsed.) May 30, 1776.

Return of Colonel Smith's Regiment of Minute Men in Suffolk County.

[Mil. Ret., 27: 9.]

Colonel.
Josiah Smith.

Majors.
Isaac Reeves, 1st
Isaac Overton, 2d

Adjutant and Quarter Master.
Ephm Marvin, Adjuant,
Ebnezer Dayton, Qutr

Liev't-Colonel.
John Hulbert.

CAPTAINS.	Lieuts.	Ensigns.	Serjants.	Corporals.	Drumers.	Fifers.	Rank & File.	State of Amunition and Armes.
David Peirson,	2	1	4	4	1	1	42	Compleet in Armes, &c., &c.
Ezekiel Mulford,	2	—	4	4	1	1	40	Do. do.
Zephanah Rogers,	2	—	4	4	1	1	33	Do. do.
Paul Reeves,	2	1	4	4	1	1	35	Compleet Except Baynotes.
Jonathan Bailey,	2	1	4	4	1	1	27	Do. do.
Selah Stronge,	2	1	4	4	1	1	57	Want 15 Guns and a Number Bayt.
Nathl. Platt,	2	1	4	4	1	1	42	Compleel.
Thomas Wickes,	2	1	4	4	1	1	31	Compleet Except One Man.
Totall,	16	6	32	32	8	8	307	

I do hereby Certifie that the above is a true State of my Regiment agreable to Return mayd by the Respective Captains. JOSIAH SMITH, Colo

N.B: the Drum fifes and Coulers are all Dificent.

Mereches Patten, May 30th 1776.

Committee of New Windsor to Provincial Congress.

[Mil. Com. 25: 554.]

In Committee, New Windsor, 31st May 1776.

Gentlemen: We have this day ordered back to the City of New York a certain Isaac Demilt who lately came here without a certificate from his Colonel or Commanding officer as directed by the Congress. We find on Examination that he is a person who may well be suspected as inimical to the Liberties of his Country, never having signed the General Association, and his coming here contrary to the Orders of Congress (of which he did not pretend Ignorance) confirms this oppinion. He goes back under care of Lieut. Anthony of the New York Militia.

There are some persons in this District who (though they have signed the General Association) we have great reason to suspect as unfriendly to the Cause of Liberty and America; and as we have no reason to expect any aid from those Persons, it would we conceive it to be prudent to put it out of their Power to injure us by leaving them posessed of Arms which we much want and they may use against us when most needed; we wish therefore to know whether the Resolve for disarming Suspected Persons in the City, and administering a certain Test to them extends to the Province at large, and who are vested with the Power of executing the same.

It gives us pain to find any Person counteracting the Orders of Congress and more especially so when it happens with those who profess Friendship to the common cause. This has lately been the case with a certain Mrs Lawrence, wife of Capt Jonathan Lawrence who is a Commissioner under Congress at Fort Constitution, and his son a Clerk there both in the pay of the Continent. Mrs Lawrence early in the Spring settled in this Precinct and opened a shop here, then knowingly contrary to the Resolve of Congress has retailed Bohea Tea at 8 shillings per lb., and to evade the Resolve in that Respect pretends to sell her Tea at 6 shillings per lb., but will not let the purchaser have the Tea unless they take a paper bag to put it in at 2 shillings, and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity.

There is something so disingenious in this kind of conduct that we view it in a worse light than an open violation of the Rule. Upon having this complaint laid before us, we thought proper to Depute one of our Members to wait on Mrs Law-

rence (In Tenderness for her sex) and treat with her on the matter, by leting her know that if she would desist from her present conduct in that particular, and return the money Extorted to the Persons from whom she received it, and sell her Tea at the price fixed by Congress, in that case we would make matters as easy as we Consistently cou'd. But she has refused to comply with this Reasonable and Indulgent Proposal, and the remainder of her Tea (as we are informed since) been removed to Fort Constitution under the care of her husband and son, which has much Disgusted the Inhabitants as they conceive it as kind of Insult to have that Fortress made an Asylum for that useless Herb and the Illegal venders of it. We thought it proper, as also being in duty bound to inform you of this Matter, that what is right may be done therein, that in future the Resolve of Congress may not be violated or evaded in this manner for want of punishing those who have already transgressed. We have the Honor Gentlemen to be with all due esteem your most obd^{t} Humble Servants, By Order of the Committee.

SAM^{L} BREWSTER, *Chairman.*

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

Colonel Ritzema to ———.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 393.]

THURSDAY MORNING, [May 1776.]

SIR: Norwood, who is the provincial Store Keeper, informs me that Co^{l} McDougal has directed him to deliver no arms out of his Custody to any other than himself & that all the arms he has are for him. This appears extremely strange to me that I should be precluded from receiving a Part of them, as I have a large Body of men in Town & hardly a musket to put in their Hands. I shall be glad you'd obtain an order for me to receive a proportion if not all the arms which are & may come in Store. I am your humbl Serv^{t}

RUD: RITZEMA.

I conceive Col McDougall at present dont stand as much in need of arms as I do from the number of his men in proportion to mine.

(Indorsed.) Col Ritzema's Letter — He tells a strange Tale which the Commissary denies to be true & desires a Copy of this letter.

May 31 1776. Commissary Norwood ordered to deliver arms to Col. Ritzema.

Petition of William Hines.

[Petitions, 33: 234.]

GENTLEMEN: I, your humble Petitioner, humbly requests your honours will be so kind as to grant me my wages which is £8, as I am at present in a verry deplorable situation through the want of it, now Gentlemen if you will pay me I will immediately inlist with Capt Ledger but I cant think of that untill I'm paid, for if I inlist with him he may be ordered away and I loose my weages, I have no more to add but conclude your honours Faithfull humble Servant,

WILLIAM HINES.

Directed To the Provincial Congress in New York.

Report against Inoculating for Small Pox.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 597.]

June 1st 1776.

Whereas the Congress of the Colony of New York now convened in the City of New York have taken into consideration the dangerous consequences of the small pox spreading in this Colony. (Especially as great numbers of the Army have not had it) to prevent the same as much as Possible we do resolve that no Doctor or any other Person or Persons whatsoever do presume at any time or times hereafter to inoculate any person or persons with the Small Pox within this Colony & it is further resolved that if any Person or Persons shall presume to inoculate any Person or Persons within this Colony, & shall be thereof Convicted before any Committe of the respective Countys within this Colony Such Person or Persons so convicted shall for every offence forfeit the Sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars to be paid to & applied by the Church Wardens & Overseers of the Poor of the County in which such Convention shall happen, to the use of the poor of the said county, the said church wardens or Overseers, accounting from time to time to the said committee, for the same by them so receeived & and the manner in which they shall apply & expend the same, & and in case such Person or Persons so offending and found Guilty as aforesaid shall refuse to pay the penalty inflicted as aforesaid, he, she or they so offending shall be imprisoned until he, she or they pay the same.

Which is humbly submitted to Congress by their Committee.

JAMES LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

Petitions of Thomos Varnold and Henry Killgrove.

[Petitions, 32: 1.]

New City Hall, 1st of June, 1776.

Honoured Getelmen: The humble petition of Thomas Varnold who humbly implores of your honours to take it in consideration to relive the distressed who have now been in this prison these three months and ever since had no hearing of any crime Alegd to me to this day, I solemly declare to the Almighty God . . . . that it was never my intention to be in any way an enemy to this Contry but always made it my endeavours to the reverse of what some cruel persons have reported of me, especially ever since my first coming to this country I found great encouragement which is now nine years and have kept living in this town & freeman of this Citty of New York. Honourable gentlemen I humbly implore of your honours to permit me to have my liberty so as to follow mo business as usial and to take care of my poor family as before and your honours may be assured of my good conduct & a true friend to the cause for the future.

I remain honourable gentlemen yours to command &c.

THOMAS VARNOLD.

N B. the humble petition of Henry Killgrove Late pilot of this port till taken by his Majesty's Ship Phynex and knowing me as the above business kept me on board for the purpose much against my inclination, but as his Majesty's Ships rules the sea and therefore can command at their pleasure Your honours I hope will take it consideration relative to the annexed petition of Thomas Varnold. Now honourable gentlemen I humbly implore of you to let me free from this prison and confindment that I endure at the same time poor family famishing I am no objection to fiting your Vesseils for the sea or any of that kind.

I remain honourable gentelmen yours to command,

HENERY KILLEGROVE.

(Indorsed.) Petition of Thomas Vernon and Henry Killegrove.

Firemen of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 223.]

The List of firemen of the City of New York under the Command of Jacobus Stoutenburgh Engenier. 1776.

Philip Brasher, Adgutent of the first batteleon.
George January, Capt in a beat.
Victors Bickers, Leift in the Contenantel.
Cornelus Bickers, Leift in the Contenantel.
Jonathan Black, Leift in the second battellon.
John Stegh, Leift in the second battellon.
John Walter, Leift in a beat.
Lewis tiebou, in the first battellon privet.

Garret waldron,	John hoogeland,	thomas Lawrence,
Peter G. waldron,	John montanie,	Jacob Brower,
John silvester,	timothy Rushel,	John Brower,
Jacob Brower,	William Eagles,	John Bortine,
Henry Van Winckelen,	issac Bokea,	John Miltenburger,
James Kip,	David moris,	anthony post,
James M^{c}Cullen,	Robert Berry,	John tergay.
Joseph Baldwin,	Jacob moris,	

These belongs all to the first and second battalien.

John Somerndyck,	Gerit Peterson,	henry Shut.

These three belongs to the Light horse.

fredrick Bard,	John Bogert,	Barent Christopher,
anthony King,	Jacobus Quick,	Robert thomson,
Joseph person,	Jacob Bowler,	Nathan horton,
aaron Bancker,	Henry Relay,	abram warner,
moris Earle,	isaac van Deursen,	Lancaster burling,
Berard weecks,	michal garit,	andrew ten Eyck,
Benjamin Carpenter,	henry sickels,	Gerardus Burger,
henry Bogert,	Peter Roome,	Lawrence hartwick,
thomas maridet,	thomas Burling,	John Class,
James van seys,	Ellick Miller,	Garet stymets.
abram Rushell,		

[These is all out of town.]

Firemen in town.

Isaac Marshalck,	Gerardus smith,	Cornelus swartwout,
Edward Doughty, Se^{r}	Charles miller,	henry thomas,
isaac Labagh,	Chales Phillips,	william vermillie,
John Gillilan,	Daniel ten Eyck,	James Barrow,
John Burns,	henry sickels,	John Barrow,
Theop^{s} hardenbroeck,	Evert wessels,	John van torne,
matice vreedenburgh,	John silvester,	henry outenbergh,
Elias De Grushe,	Richard ten Eyck,	Peter bogert,
matice warner,	Jacob Smith,	francis Bassett,
henry Riker,	Jacob Norris,	Jeronemis alstyne,
norman tolmie,	Joseph Cox,	william pears,
andrew Riker,	thomas Burns,	william Bockay,
John Stout,	John Russel,	william post,
George fisher,	timothy wood,	william Elsworth,
william Carman,	abram van Dusen,	Nathan fish,
Richard heyer,	George Arthart,	John fish,
thomas warner,	Isaac Meed,	John young,
francis Dominick,	francis post,	James Lickletter,
David henry mellows,	Jacob vervalen,	Christopher Dicking,
Valentine arnell,	Peter wilse,	wendel De Boos,

mathias tier,
william Crolius,
frances sawyer,
Richard Edwards,
Jacob fay,
Christopher heniger,
Peter Chapples,
Cornelus Bennet,
Peter van Der hoef,
william hardenbroeck,
John more,
John Stecklin,
Jacob Sables,
able hardenbroeck,
William J. Elsworth,
william van Dalsen,
James hallet,
abram Deravire,
abram Brower,
Jacobus Bogert,
thomas Colister,
albert Bogert,
ahasuerus turck,
John Brower,
alexander Lamb,
Walter heyr,
abram Boekeay,
George Waldegrove, Ju^r
George warner,
thomas Barrow,
Baltus Dash,
Guilliam varick,
Cornelus turck,
andrew Bell,
John gasner,
Cornelus marschalck,
John C. puntius,
Alexander ogsbury,
James harvey,
George Peack,
George Coock,
Christopher shuts,
micher weaver,
Isaac Ball,
James Emmens,
George Stanten.

Petition of Isaac Youngs.

[Petitions, 33: 188.]

To the Honorable House of The Provenshall Congress of the Goverment of New York.

I thy humble Pettioner Isaac Youngs, begs the favour of the Honorable House to take the case of your Humble Pettioner into consideration which Thy Petitioner Longs to know his acusation and to have Liberty to clear himself of it which I dont dout I can soon sattisfy the Honorable House that I am clear of it for I am under Sevear Confinement and beg that the Honorable House would clear me from these Irons which keep me in misery proceading from an oald Hurt. if Buisness is so urgent that it cannot be taken into consideration, I beg that I may have Liberty to return to my family and Buisness for a short while which I am in great Necessaty of on many accounts which I am willing to give any Bale for my apearance at any Time whenever the Honorable House shall Request, Gentlemen, I know Not what is aleaged against me That I am kept in Irons for, if there is anything aledged against me it is wrongfull and I your humble Petitioner would be glad to know what it is, Thy humble Petitioner thinks it a hard case to be kept under sevear confinement when he has never committed anything conterary to the Resolv of the Contanental or Provensial Congress. I further beg that the honorable house would gest Look over your Petitioners accusation and see if your Petitioner begs anything unreasonable.

ISAAC YOUNGS.

June y^e 1^st 1776.

Petition of Philip Youngs.

[Petitions, 32: 11.]

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress for the Province of New York this 4^th Day of June 1776.

The Pittition of Philip youngs a prisoner in custody humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner humbly conceives himself Hardly dealt by merely on suspicion of a fact of wich he is entirely Inocent to the grate detriment of himself & family as his bussiness in his absence lays very much neglected Haveing at this time his Vessel rady to sail your Petitioner therefore humbly begs your Honers to admit him to a further hearing as soon as may be convenient. your compliance will Greatly oblidge your distressed humble servant,

PHILIP YOUNGS.

Officers of Colonel Malcom's Regiment.

[Mil. Ret. 27: 1.]

William Malcom, Colonel,
Isaac Stoutenburgh, Lieut. Col°
James Alner, Major.

Brown Buffs.

Jonathan Blake, Captain,
Joseph Cheesman, 1st Lieutenant,
Prentice Bowen, 2nd ditto,
James Black.

Riffle Company.

William Dewitt, Captain,
George Fisher, 1st Lieut.,
John M. Foght, 2d Do,

Grenadiers.

John Laboyvaux, Capt
John Fish, 1st Lt
William Adams, 2d

John Thomson, Ensign,
Revd Joseph Treat, Chaplain,

John Sanford, Adjutant,
Aaron Gilbert, Quarter Master.

Commissions issued dated May 8th Except Major Alner's which was dated the 4th day of June—because he was but then lately Elected.

June 6th 1776. I have recd the above Gentlemens Commissions being fifteen in Number as also Commissions for Col Stoutenbergh & myself.

W. MALCOM.

Petition of Philip Youngs.

[Petitions, 32: 17.]

New York, June ye 6th day, 1776.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of this Honorable House.

I Philip Youngs a confined prissoner, humbly makes Bold to adress thiss Honorable house, in hopes that they will indulge your pettitioner with a hearing, as your pettitioner is Intirely Inocent of the charge Laid aginst him, of knowing directly or indirectly, of any atempt to make, counterfiet, sine or pass any Bill or Bills of any kind or denomination whatsoever, your pettioner humbly hopes the house will Be kind enough to consider his hard case, your pettioner having a vessel and Cargo, laying by for want of your pettioner's presence by which he is losing Considerably every day, as your petitioner is confined upon meer suspicion your Compliance with your petioner's request will greatly oblidge your distrest humble servant.

PHILIP YOUNGS.

Proceedings respecting Unlawful Sale of Tea.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 635.]

Committee Chambers, May 25, 1776.

Whereas, Information has been given to this Committee that a Report is circulating greatly to the predjudice of John Alsop, Esq., respecting the sale of some Tea and his refusing Continental money for the same,

Resolved, That Mr. Dunscombe and Mr. Berrian wait upon Mr. Alsop and acquaint him therewith.

Mr. Dunscombe and Mr. Berrian having waited upon him, report that Mr. Alsop is desirous to be called before this Committee, requesting at the same time that Coll Lott and Mr. Van Alstyne (from whom the report was said to have originated) might be ordered to attend also.

Coll Lott attending this Committee says: That Mr. Alsop told Mr. Van Alstyne that he cou'd not sell this Tea for less than six shillings per lb., being a Company concern. Mr. Van Alstyne replied, what can I get then by retailing it again. Mr. Alsop then answered, that he could not tell, but that he had been told some persons charged for bags and twine, that Mr. Alsop said he would be glad to receive ⅓

hard money for the Tea to pay a debt contracted by Congress in Canada. Mr. Lott told him he had about £300 in New York and Jersey. Mr. Alsop answered that he would rather take Continental as that would pass better at Philadelphia.

Mr. Van Alstyne attended the Committee, and says that he went with Coll Lott to Mr. Alsops to purchase Tea, that Mr. Alsop told him it was six shillings per lb., half hard money, that he wanted to procure hard money for the Congress to discharge a debt contracted in Canada. That the examinant asked Mr. Alsop how he coud sell the Tea for six shillings if he paid six shillings for it. That Mr. Alsop made answer that he might sell the Tea for six shillings and charge for the bags. Mr. Alsop being sent for attended and confessed the truth of Mr. Lotts Evidence but does not remember that he told Mr. Van Alstyne he might sell the Tea for six shillings and charge for the Baggs as mentioned in Mr. Van Alstynes Information but might have said he heard it was done, and if he had said so it was not right and he was sorry for it.

The Committee taking the above matter into consideration and Debates arising thereon the following questions were put:

1st Wether Mr. Alsop had violated the Resolves of Congress in the sale of Tea. Carried in the Negative.

2d Wether Mr. Alsop had violated the Resolves of Congress in asking hard money on the sale of Tea? Carried in the Negative.

Mr. Alner then moved, seconded by M. Harper, that the minutes of this Committee should be published, Debates arising thereon and the question being put, it was carried in the Negative.

Fryday June 7, 1776.

Whereas, Several persons who have been called before this Committee for violating the Resolves of Congress in the sale of Tea and depreceating the Continental Paper Currency alledged in their Justification, the Example and Recommendation of John Alsop Esq., a member of the Continental Congress,

Resolved, Therefore that the minutes of this Committee relative to the enquiry made into Mr. Alsops conduct be handed up to the Provincial Congress.

Extracts from the minutes:

JOSH WINTER *Secretary.*

Petition of Philip Youngs

[Petitions, 33: 186.]

June ye 8th day 1776.

To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Provincial Congress of New York and to the House.

The Pettition of Philip Youngs now a Prisoner.

Desireth once more the favor of this Honorable House to take in Consideration your Petitioners hard fate and Be Pleased to sett him at Libity once more, Any ways as this House shall think proper, as he, your Petitioner always hath Bin since the present Contest Between Great Britain and America, Striven all that Lay in his power to promoat the wellfare of the Amarica, and is well None by Persons that lives Near me that I have gott a great deal of Ill will by standing for my Country, and By that have been threatened to be tard and featherd, and Now the Toryes bost and say you have Bin a Great Whig, sea what the Congress will do with you now, they will confine you gilty or Not gilty and make you spend your money, and they cry out, who hath complained, a great Tory, which Gentlemen if I had an opportunity could Prove every word of this assarson, and Gentlemen what I am confined for absolutely I am clear of true as the Sun sines which I am positiff of before God and man, which if I wasnt woodant say for ten thousand worlds, and your Pettitioner humbly hopes that this Honorable House will consider my hard fate that I labor under, and father Gentlemen the hard useary that my family Labors under on the account of the Toryes, when they pass the house cry out to my family, there is Youngs that grat Whig, why the

Congress is confined him Becaus he a Whig, and such likes expressons to terify my family and to make this Honorable House look Redicklus, which Gentlemen it greaves your Petioner to heare of, and your compliance will oblige your distrest humble Servt.

PHILIP YOUNGS.

P. S. Gentlemen I make no dout But if Samuel Brumes wass here he wold convince you all that I ever have strove to promoat thee wellfare of Ameraca, which I appeal Gentlemen to this Honorable House for relief, in this day of troble. Be pleas'd to Indulge me.

PHL YOUNG.

Deputy Adjutant-General Fleming to Mr. Goldsmith.

[Petitions, 33 : 134.]

Head Quarters, 9th June 1776.

Sr It is His Excelln^{e} General Washington's Orders that Nathan Gyer, Lazareth Gyer, George Watts, Jacob Losye, Benjamin Scribner and Neal M^{c}fall, Prisoners in the Provost Marshel Guard be transmited from thence to the Goal in this City, you will be pleas'd therefore to Receive the above Prisoners agreeabel to the above order and keep them in close Custody untill further orders.

I am Sr yor Humble Servt

EDWARD FLEMING,
D. Adgt General.

To Mr. Dant Goldsmith, Marshel to the Provincial Congress New York.

Petition of Thomas Wooley.

[Petitions, 32: 21.]

To the honourable the Provincial Congress or in their Recess to the Comittee of Safety for the Colony of New York.

The petition of Thomas Wooley of Cowneck in the township of Hempstead Humbly Sheweth,

That although your petitioner rather from inadvertency than any design to offend may have rendered himself obnoxious to this honourable Body and draw on himself as well their resentment as that misery and distress from which only the innocent can claim an exemption (being confined in close goal by an order from this honourable Board) yet he humbly conceives that the punishment he has already suffered is fully adequate to his crime.

That however unworthy a member of society your petitioner may have been represented or conceived to be, he has yet the full confidence to assure this honourable Board that there yet remains in him that virtue that can distinguish him as a friend to his native country (a greater love for which no man can have) especially when every tender tie and affection that can endear him to his family & connections, inspires his Breast with the warmest wishes for their happiness & welfare That should the most cordial Declaration of your petitioner fail to excite Commiseration for his present unhappy Circumstances, he has only that Consolation left which innocence always affords the distressed.

That your petitioner never meant to Counteract or in the least oppose the authority of this or any other honorable Congress but on the contrary cautiously (as he thought) avoided every infringement and therefore prays that he may be released from his present imprisonment.

And your petitioner shall ever pray &c.

Jamaica Goal, June 9th 1776. THOMAS WOOLEY.

Provincial Congress to the N. Y. Delegates in the Continental Congress.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 582.]

June 10 — 1776.

Gentlemen: Your Letter of the 8th Instant, by Express have been communicated to the Congress.

They are unanimously of opinion that you are not authorized by your Instructions to give the sense of this Colony on the Question of declaring it to be & continue an independent State nor does this Congress incline to instruct you on that point, it being a matter of doubt whether their Constituents intended to vest them with a Power to deliberate and determine on that Question. Indeed the majority of this Congress are clearly of opinion that they have no such authority.

As measures have lately been taken and are now pursuing for obtaining the consent and authority of the People for establishing a new and regular form of Goverment the necessity of which seems generally to be acknowledged — This Congress think it would be imprudent to require the sentiments of the People relative to the Question of Independence lest it shd create Divisions and have an unhappy Influnce on the other.

The earliest opportunity will however be embraced for ascertaining the sentiments of the inhabitants of this Colony on that important Question, and of obtaining their consent to vest the Congress of the Colony for the time being with authority to deliberate and determine on that and every other Matter of General Concern, and to instruct their delegates in Continental Congress thereupon.

[Mr Jay and Col —— were a Committee to draft the above letter. *Journ. I.* 490.]

Petition of William Tillou.

[Petitions, 32: 19.]

New York, 8th June, 1776.

William Tillou of this city, Joiner, from the decay of trade, is under the necessity of laying his case before the honourable the provincial Congress, imploring them upon an impartial survey of his situation, to afford him the aid he requires, which is to grant him a certificate to the Committee of Charlotte precinct Dutchess County that he may be permitted to reside in that precinct (as he is promised a good deal of Work there) and endeavour by honesty and application to maintain himself, and small helpless family. WILLIAM TILLOU.

The aforesaid William Tillou has a wife who is Lunatic by which she is rendered utterly incapable of serving herself much more of minding her two small children in this condition beside the want of employ should the ministerial troops invade this city this poor family must undergo all the miseries of war not having wherewith to sustain themselves not able to assist one another.

The above is attested as a truth by the subscribers

Peter C. Hojer,
John Willey,
Peter Tillou.

Petition of Isaac Youngs.

[Petitions, 33: 184.]

June ye 10th 1776.

To the Honorable Provinsial Congress of the Government of New York.

I thy humble Petitioner Isaac Youngs begs Lieve to onse more adress myself to you in the most Dutifull manner and Begs to be relieved from these Bands of Irons which is Sooer and Desprat which I Dare say any man that is ever Exercised therewith will asert the same, Gentlemen I can asert to you that I have past theso many Days with very sore leegs and in continual pain in one of my nees which has been Hurt by a fall of a Horse, Gentlemen I beg that I may not be forgoten and

Long to have our cases taken into consideration that I may have Liberty to satisiy the house that I have suffered rongfully and I think the Time Long that I am Confined for Nothing for I Declined the charge Laid against me by reason I thought it was a Sin which I Did asert to you In my Examination and if anything more than this is aleaged against me By any Body I should be glad to know it for it is Groundless and absolutely fals which I Dont Donte I can make it appear to you if I could have a hearing, Gentlemen of the Honorable Congress I think it a hard Case to be Taken away From my family in their Distressed situation and to be confined in Irons when I Never have Commited any crime. Gentlemen I can Do No more than Beg for Tenderness Merey and Humanity. ISAAC YOUNGS.

Petition of John Hylton.

[Petitions, 32: 23.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York in the city of New York now convened.

The memorials of John Hylton, Master of the ship called the Betsy and Polly, now lying in the harbour of the said city, Humbly Sheweth,

That your memorialist on the thirty first day of May last, obtained from M^r^ Robert Ray (who officiates as an officer for that purpose) a permit to take on board the said ship, a lading of Beef, pork, flour, &c., and also 450 Shaken Hogsheads, & in pursuance of said permission the said ship is now completely freighted therewith except about 200 barrels of Bread & flour to be taken on board.

That the greatest part of the said Beef and pork has been purchased at a very exorbitant price, and now lies at the Bottom of the said ship and in a few hours the said ship would have been ready to depart this province had not your memorialist been informed that a resolve of this honorable house so late as this very day, prohibited the same, to the very great injury Loss & disapointment of your memorialist and his owners, who fairly and openly shipped the said provisions with permission of an officer acting under the immediate authority of this hono^ble^ house.

Your memorialist therefore in tender consideration of the premissies, humbly prays he may be permitted to complete his cargo and depart this port and such farther relief as shall seem Just & reasonable and your memorialist shall ever pray, &c.

New York, 11^th^ June 1776. JOHN HYLTON.

Petition of George Youngs.

[Petitions, 33: 182.]

New York, June 12^th^ 1776.

To the Honorable, The Speaker and Members of the Provincial Congress.

The Petition of George Youngs of the Township of Huntington on Nassau Island, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner concieves himself at present greatly distrest in his Business on acc^t^ of Sundry Bonds, Papers and Cash, being Detained from him, as has been reported by order of this Honorable House as it totaly deprives your Petitioner from transacting his Bussiness as several of the said Bonds and Notes are already become Due and the People do not chuse to settle as they cannot take up their Notes &^c^ your Petitioner therefore humbly hopes that the House will take his case into consideration, and order his said Bonds, Notes and Cash to be returned to him. Your Petitioner further begs of this Honorable House to consider what must be the situation of a Father to see all his sons in close confinement and some of them so close in Irons that they cannot possibly shift themselves during this warm season as the unfortunate Prisoners are in danger of being troubled with vermin, as some of them are already crippled with their Irons as there has never been any occasion for such hard usage by their ever being refractory or even making the least attempt

to escape and if it should seem meet to this Honorable House to order them to be taken out of Irons they are willing to give sufficient security for their good behaviour your petitioner therefore humbly begs a hearing before this Hon^ble House as speedily as possible, which favor shall ever be gratefully acknowledged by their most Obedient Hum Serv^t GEORGE YOUNGS.

Petition of Philip Youngs.

[Petitions, 33: 180.]

NEW YORK, June y^e 12 day, 1776.

The Petion of Philip Youngs to the Honorable House of the Provenshall Congress.

Your Petioner Begs Leave to troble this house once more with a fue Lines hoping that your honors will take his case in consideration and Lett him cum to trial and if your Petioner is Gilty Lett him suffer and if Nott Lett him be free which Gentlemen you must all be sensible that it is a Great Hardship to be kept Confin'd which Gentlemen if your Honours keep me confined seven years thare can be nothing Proved against me, Nor I cant Bring Nothing to Lite for I No Nothing about the thing that I am confined under suspition for and how shall a man Bring anything to Lite that noes Nothing, Likewise Gentlemen if there is anything that is aledge aganst me any more then what M^r Brown said, Lett it Be what it will it is a absolute fols, Lett it Be asarted by hoo it will and had I my Libety I can make it appear to any ones satisfaction & what I said to M^r Brown, he told this house that he thought I wass a joaking or to sound him, and Gentlemen I told you when I was Before you what was the caus of my asking M^r Brown those questions, and Gentlemen as for counterfeiting money of any kind or ever attemping any such thing I am clear of Before God & Man your Petioner if he ean Be Indulg^d to prove how he hath Lead his Life consarning the present contest between Great Britten and Amarica am able to make it appear that I ever have been astriven to premote the wellfare of America, and Gentlemen your compliance will oblige your humble Petioner,

PHILIP YOUNGS.

Petition of Mangle Minthorne.

[Petitions, 32: 27.]

To the provincial Congress in the province of New York.

The memorial of Mangel Minthorne Humbly Sheweth,

That some short time before the Publication of a resolve of the Continental Congress regulating among other articles the price of Bohea Tea, and fixing the same at six shillings the pound he purchased a quantity of Bohea Tea of Capt^n Deal, that said Tea cost him more than the price affixed as aforesaid by the Continental Congress that said Minthorn has sold the said tea at a higher price (since the publication of the resolve of the Continental Congress which took away the power from the several respective Committees of regulating any Articles except green Tea than was stipulated by said Congress) that in so doing he looked upon himself as only acting similar to others and not in the least degree inimical to his country. That he professes the highest respect for the continental Congress, and as he has by the committee of this city been advertized in the public Gazette as an enemy to this country for selling said Tea as aforesaid (a stigma which he would ever wish to avoid) he hereby declares that he is sorry for the same that he did it ignorantly and that he humbly hopes this Congress will by reinstating him in the good opinion of his fellow citizens put it once more in his power to convince them how much he is a Friend to the Liberties and Privileges of America.

1776, June 13. MANGLE MINTHORNE.

Petition of John McDonald.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 605.]

GENTLEMEN: After exploring the mines of Dutchess County have brought a report of the same to the Hon^ble^ House of Committee or Congress, on the 26^th^ April 1776, and the truth of which under the declaration of Jonathan Landon Esq., the day thereafter several of the members ordered me to waite on the githering of a full house to determin on the clearing out the Pitts or shafts of the mines and that I would be paid for attending thereby, has been kept in suspense with a small family and Illy able to support them from time to time waitin on the Boards Instructions Preceeding the 13^th^ June 1776, which being the date of my Warrant to proceed to open the Pitts of said mine and as the members were so hurried with other business at that time delayed considering into the same until my return. Now I humbly expect that the Board will take it into consideration, as I am a .Person willing to comply with their requests in my calling, I am with the greatest submission and and Good wishes to your Honorable undertakings, I am your most Obedient and Humble Servant, JOHN M^c^DONALD, *Miner.*

The truth of the above are known to Mr. Malcom, Mr. Dinning, Mr. Palding, Mr. Tredwill and others, Mr. Pettit can inform how Closs I attended, from April 26^th^ to June 13^th^ 1776—is 47 days.

Petition of Azor Betts.

[Petitions, 32: 29.]

To the Honorable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York now sitting in the City of New York.

The Petition of Azer Betts Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner hath been for some time past Confined in the New Goal of the city of New York. That the cause of his confinement is that he hath violated a Resolve of the Honorable Provincial Congress, he having inoculated some officers in the service of this Country. That your petitioner meant not to injure those gentlemen who were inoculated, nor to show any contempt to your worshipfull house, but ardently wished to render his best services to those who had the Command in relieving them from those fears which people in general have who are subject to that disorder.

That your petitioner is extreamely sorry for the offence he hath given his countrymen and your honorable Body in particular, and prays that he may be released from his confinement and suffered to go at large, and your petitioner doth hereby promise and engage that he will not for the future by word or deed counteract the orders of your Honorable house, and your petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray.

14^th^ June, 1776. AZOR BETTS.

Recommendation for Sheriff and Clerk of Albany.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 203.]

ALBANY GENERAL COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 14^th^ June 1776.

Present:

Abraham Yates, Jun^r^ Chairman.

First Ward.
John Barclay,
John Price,
Myndert Roseboom,
John Williams,
Jacob Roseboom, Jun^r^

Second Ward.
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer,
Rutger Bleecker,
John Ja Beeckman.

Third Ward.
Dirck Ten Broeck,
John M. Beeckman,
Isaac Van Aernam,
Abraham Yates, Jun^r^

Schonectady.
Cornelius Van Dyck,
Harm^s^ H. Wendell,
Corn^s^ A. Van Slyck,
John A. Bratt.

West Side Manor Rensselaer.
Antony Van Schaick,
Philip P. Schuyler,
Henry Quackenbush,
Corn^s^ G. Van Den Bergh,
Bastiaen T. Visscher,

David M^cCarty,
Barent Myndertse,
Philip Van Veghten,
Francis Nicoll.
East Side Manor Rensselaer.
Killian Van Rensselaer,
John H. Beeckman,
James Magee,
Rynier Van Aelstyn,
Frederick Berger,
George White,
Jacob C. Schermerhorn.
Kings District.
Matthew Adgate,
John Beebe.
Coxackey.
John L. Branch,
William Van Bergen.
Grate Imboght.
John Van Orden,
Goose Van Schaick.
Manor Livingston.
Peter R. Livingston,
Walter Livingston,
Derck Jansen,
Samuel Ten Broeck.
German Camp.
Wessel Ten Broeck,
Peter Scharpe.
Schoharry.
Johannis Ball,
Peter Becker.
Saratoga.
John Tayler,
Joseph Row.
Half Moon.
Rutger Lansingh,
Wilhelmus Van Antwerp.
Schaghtehocke.
Michael Van Der Cook,
Lewis Van Antwerp,
Nathaniel Ford.
Balston.
Hezekiah Middlebrooks.
Claverack.
Henry I. Van Rensselaer,
James Sexton,
Stephen Graves.
Hosiek.
Jacob Ouderkerk,
Fenner Palmer.
Cambridge.
John Younglove.

M^r Henry Wendell applyed to this Board for their Recommendation (in case a new form of Government should take place in this Colony) for the Sheriffship of this City and County and M^r Matthew Visscher made the same application for the Clerkship of the said City and County and thereupon this Board Unanimously agree to recommend those Gentlemen to the Provincial Congress as persons (both in principles and abilities) fit for the different offices they have severally applied for.

Extract from the Minutes:

Attest: MAT. VISSCHER, *Secry.* AB^M YATES, JUN., *Chairman.*

President Woodhull to Gen. Washington.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 623.]

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, NEW YORK, June 15^th 1776.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose your Excellency two affidavits by which you will see that two Soldiers have attempted to pass Counterfeit Bills of Credit, The Congress have thought it their duty to commit them immediately to close Custody under the Guard at the City Hall, and directed me to inform you thereof, Your Excellency will be pleased to take such further measures by them as you shall think proper.

I have the honor to be Your Excellency's Most obedient Humble Servant,

NATH^L WOODHULL, *Presid^t*

His Excellency General WASHINGTON.

[See Resolution of Provincial Congress, June 17, 1776, *Journal I.* 496.]

John McKesson to Commissary General Trumbull.

[Mil. Com. 25: 823.]

DIE SABBATI, 5^s ho, P.M. June 15^th

SIR: The Congress acknowledge the receipt of your Favour of the 13^th Instant respecting the retention of salted provisions by some persons on Long Island.

I am directed by Congress to inform you that by a resolution of yesterday, a copy whereof was furnished to the Commissary General, they depend that he will obtain the provisions desired—and that the Congress has in Contemplation Some more general & Effectual measures for securing the Live Stock in Certain parts of the Colony for the Benefit of the Army.

Enclosed is a Copy of Some Information obtained from M^r Abraham Livingston of a Stock of Cattle in an exposed situation in new Jersey, of which a Copy is forwarded to the president of new Jersey Congress—or Committee of Safety—

I have the Honor to be most respectfully—

Petition of Isaac Ketcham.

[Petitions, 32: 31.]

To the Honorable The President and Members of the Provincial Congress.

The Petition of Isaac Ketcham a prisoner now under confinement in the old city hall Humbly Sheweth,

That your unfortunate pettitioner deeply imprest with shame and Confuseon for his past Miscondnet and most humbly Begs to lay his unhappy Case before this Honorable House which is briefly as follows:

Your petitioner is extremely sorry that upon his first being taken into Custody and after an examination made by Alderman Waddle in the Congress Chamber Concerning the procuring the paper for the purpose of printing Certain Bills of Credit and sincerely wish I could recall the time when he first persisted in this unhappy scheame as your Petitioner was informed that he was to be admitted as evidence on which account your petitioner gave all the information in his power to the best of his Knowledge.

Your petitioner further implores the consideration of this house in behalf of six poor Children who are now Lamenting the Loss of a Tender Mother and the imprissonment of a Father as several of them are at present dangerously Ill By sore sickness, without any Person to attend or comfort them as the children are afraid to stay in the house without some grown persons in to protect and take care of them your petitioner humbly hopes that if he could Be admitted to go to them for a few Days in order to provid some proper persons to attend on them and that your pettitioner will Imediately return to New York or forfeit his small estate.

Your pettitioner humbly submits his case to this honble house and begs that they would please to take it into their wise consideration which will ever lay an obligation on your distrest humble servt ISAAC KETCHAM.

June 16 1776.

To the honourable speaker in provincial Congress.

Sir I the subscriber hath something to obscarve to the honourable house if I cold be admited Its nothing concearning my one afair But intirely on another subgyt, from yours to searve, ISAAC KETCHAM.

(Indorsed.) The application of Isaac Ketcham And the memorandum which finally ended in the execution of Thos Hickey for High Treason.

Appointment of John Lawrence to be Adjutant.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 539.]

In Queens County Committee, June ye 18th 1776.

Resolved, That John Lawrence of Newtown be appointed and he is hereby Appointed by this Committee as Adjutant of ye first Regiment of Queens County in the Room of James Burlin of Flushing Declining. Wee therefore Request of the Honorable Convential of ye State of New York to provide a Commision for the said John Lawrence as Adjutant for the first Regiment of Queens County.

Signed by order of the Committee,

GEORGE TOWNSEND, *Cheerman.*

Confirmed this 24th of July, 1776.

Petition of Alexander Robertson and Others.

[Petitions, 32: 35.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of New York,

The subscribers actuated by a real concern for the welfare of their Country are willing to erect and carry on proper works in some convenient and safe place or places on the Sound, for the purpose of Manufacturing the best blown Salt, they can deliver from one pan, if not interrupted, 126 Bushels per week, and if they shall be enabled to set up a sufficient number of pans, they will engage to make as much of

said salt as shall be wanted in this and the neighbouring provinces, at present they intended only to erect one Furnace unless it shall be Judged necessary that they erect more, as the expences necessary for such an undertaking will be too great to be entirely risked by Individuals at this critical time, they Beg leave to make the following proposals to the Honourable Congress, viz[t]

That as the erecting of the works will cost upward of £1000 and a considerable expence will be required to carry on the same and notwithstanding all the care of the proprietors, as well as providing a place of safety and otherwise, it may so happen that the Works may be destroyed by the enemy, The subscribers therefore humbly propose that the sum of £500 be advanced by the Congress to us without interest for one year and a-half towards enabling them to erect our Furnace, and that the Congress accept their Conjunct Bond for said sum, payable only on this condition that the design of the undertaking shall not be defeated within the above mentioned time by accident arising from the precarious and unsettled state of Publick affairs, as the subscribers would be still greater sufferers should such an accident happen, that they could not carry on the said Salt Works for the space of 18 months altho' they were freed from the burden of paying back the Money they had received from the Hon[ble] Congress, as this undertaking is more for the benefit of this province than any private advantage to themselves. They therefore hope that the Hon[ble] Congress will give them such encouragement as to enable them to sett the manufacturing of Salt agoing, as they are willing to risk their own private property along with the publicks for the general good of these distressed Colonies, and this Province in particular.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.
GEORGE LINDSAY,
PETER SIM,
MARINUS WILLETT.

June 19[th] 1776.

Petition of Doctor Azor Betts.

[Petitions, 32: 37.]

The honorable the Provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

The humble Petition of Doct[r] Azor Betts now confined in the New goal of New York Respectfully Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has for some time past been confined for having contrary to a resolve of the Honorable the Provincial Congress inoculated some officers in the Continential service.

That he is in great distress owing to the great Expense he for a long time past hath been to lay in Confinement, his being out of Business and having a large Family; That he is sorry for his imprudent Conduct and sincerly wishes that the Colonies may Injoy the present glorious strougle and Injoy their rights and Liberties uninviolated and their present Contest be crouned with success.

That the Petitioner is willing and desirous to be removed out of the Goal and to be permitted to live in the Country. He would therefore Humbly pray to be removed to the North Castle in west Chester County and have the Liberty of riding Ten or fifteen miles into the Country to visit his Patients, he will especially give security not to exceed the Limets assigned to him and in all things to observe the orders of this Honourable House. And your petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray.

AZOR BETTS.

New goal, 19[th] June 1776.

Petition of Garret Roorbach.

[Petitions, 32: 39.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress in the City of New York.

The memorial of Garret Roorbach of the said City Humbly sheweth,

That on the eighteenth Day of January last your memorialist was appointed by the Committee of safety, Barrack Master for the City & County of New York, That he has acted in that Capacity ever since in Consequence of the said appointment.

That Col Moylan who has been lately appointed to the office of Quarter Master General, has forbid your memorialist to execute the Duty of Barrack master as aforesaid.

That your memorialist is inform'd that the appointment of a person to the office he now enjoys properly belongs to his Excellency General Washington. That your memorialist being not well known to his said Excellency, and as the Committe of safety were pleased to appoint your memorialist to the office of Barrack master he makes no doubt that he would be Continued in his said office could he obtain a recommendation from this Honorable House to his said Excellency.

Your memorialist therefore humbly prays that this Honourable House would be pleased to signify to his excellency General Washington that your memorialist is a person fit and Capable (should this Honorable House Judge him so to be) to execute the office of Barrack master for the City & County of New York, and your memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

New York, June 19th 1776. GAR[T] ROORBACH.

Complaint against Capt. John Johnson of Col. McDougal's Regiment.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 627.]

On the night of the 18th inst about 11 o'clock the said William Smith coming past the Guard House, at the corner of the Fly Market was hailed by the Centry and gave the countersign rather too loud, on which the Centry took him to the Guard House, where the said Johnson was Capt of the Guard who immediately without any other provocation gave orders to have him confined up stairs, with two or three Vagabonds in the dark, saying (if the Rascall did not know his duty, he would bring him to a sense of it) when he by accident broke some glass Windows that were in the way, from thence he was orderd into close confinement, Johnson not allowing him even to sit down on the stairs, or to write to his wife to inform her where he was, which usuage so irritated him that he could not refrain from Cursing him as he readily acknowledges, when Johnson struck him with his fist, in this place he was confined till about Nine o'clock the next morning a Negro man standing Centry over him, whom Johnson commanded several times to run the said William Smith thro the Body with his Bayonet, which he can bring a witness to prove. He therefore as a Citizen humbly requests the Hon Provincial Congress to take the above into Consideration and desires thro their means Satisfaction for the same.

New York, 20th June 1776. WILL[M] SMITH.

Petition of John Carpenter and Others.

[Petitions, 32 : 41.]

To the Honorable members of the Congress at this time Convened for the Province of New York.

The Humble Petition of John Carpenter Sen[r] and Mathew Gleves, Victuallers and Willbur Wood Drovier Sheweth,

That the said Willbur Wood has been employed by the said John Carpenter and Matthew Gleves as a drovier to purchase Cattle for them in the Country. That he had purchased eleven head of neat Cattle for them and on the sixteenth of June instant set out with them from his place of abode in Dutchess County in this province; that yesterday evening about four oclock after said Wilbur Wood had delivered the Cattle at Richard Verians the Bull's head in the Bowery lane for said Carpenter and Gleves he went over to acquaint them of his having brought such Cattle and where he had left them; that on his return to New York near the Fly Market he met with one M[r] Daniel Inslow and two other persons who invited said Willbur Wood to go with them and drink some Beer, which he did as having been before acquainted with said Inslow, when in discourse said Wood was asked if he did not bring down Cattle for said Carpenter and Gleves which he answered

in the affirmative; they then replyed that Carpenter should have none of them for if he had said wood would meet with trouble and directed him to Come to said Beryan's at this day at two oclock in the afternoon and he should be paid for them by said Mr Inslow. That said Carpenter and Gleeves have frequently supplyd the Continental troops with provision and said Carpenter at this time supplys two of the Hospitals and if these Cattle are wanting for the troops they are very willing they should part with the Cattle for that purpose, but if that is not so, your petitioners most humbly pray that this Honorable Board will be pleased to take the premisses into their Consideration and make such order as shall appear necessary for the said Cattle being restored to your petitioners John Carpenter Senr and Matthew Gleves, who wait on this honorable Board with their humble petition to give such further account and satisfaction in the premises as this Honourable Board may require.

JOHN CARPENTER,
MATHW GLEAVES,
WILLBER WOOD.

New York, Friday morning, 21st June 1776.

Certificate for a Vessel Built in New Jersey.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 669.]

Custom House, Londonderry, 811 y Entd R. H.

In Pursuance of an Act made in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of King William the Third, Intituled an Act for preventing Frauds and Regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, &c.:

James Crawford of the City of Londonderry Merchant maketh Oath that the Brigantine Minerva of Londonderry whereof John Winning is at Present Master being a Square Sternd Vessel of the Burthen of Sixty Tons or thereabout was Built at Rancocus in the Province of New Jersey in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy and He this Deponent together with Joseph Wilson of the City of Dublin are at present owners thereof and that no Foreigner directly or Indirectly, hath any share, or part, or Interest therein.

Sworn before us at the Custom House in
Londonderry, this 21st of June 1776. JAMS CRAWFORD.

Hugh Hill, Collr Coningm Balfoure, Dy. Comp.
Entd Branson, pr. Rejr Genl and a threw Coppy.

Proceedings of the Brookhaven Committee against Tories.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 565, 607, 631; 39: 474.]

At a meeting of the Joint Committee of Brookhaven, Manor of Saint Georges and Patenship of Meriches convened on the 13th of May 1776.

John Woodhull Esq in the chair & 20 members present —

Sundry Evidences being called to discover the secret plots & misconduct of sundry evil minded Persons.

Daniel Nash being sworn, deposeth that he heard Andrew Patchin say (as he was going home from General Training) the Congress goes on as they ought not to Do and dam'd the Congress in all their unlawful proceedings & used much more unfriendly discourse.

Mr. Nathaniel Finch being sworn deposeth that he heard Andrew Patchin Dam the Congress and used them with very abusive Language and was a mind that all present (being a considerable number) should agree with him to resist and oppose the Congress & all military Officers and others holding commissions under the Congress. He perticularly Dam'd Col. William Floyd, saying he came from the Congress on purpose to make Disturbance and the Divil would have him, for he would go to hell for what he had done, & so would Captain Nathan Rose & Lieutenant Wm Baker; and persuaded all present to agree

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to go to no more trainings, saying neither he, or any of his should; and said all those who would not so agree was worse than Infidels.

At another meeting of the Committee aforesaid convened on the 23d of May 1776, John Woodhull Chairman and 16 members present,

Mr Joseph Ruland being sworn deposeth that he being with his Vessell a few days passed in the South bay against Hempstead and being on shore a man to him a stranger, offered him the said Ruland nine Dollars to carry him the said stranger on board the ship Dutchess of Gordon to see Governor Tryon; and that said stranger enquired of him the said Ruland if he knew one Nathan Gyer of Blew Point and sd deponent answered yes; upon which said stranger asked him if there were not some men with said Gyer and if sd Gyer had not carried them on board the ships of War, saying those men were his, belonging to his Company, which he said was then full; to which said Ruland answered that there was a considerable number of men (said to be from Connecticut) in the neighbourhood of said Gyer & he believed Gyer had carried them off in his Boat, but he did not know where.

vs. Nathan Gyer.

Mr Henry Hulse junior being sworn, deposed, that he was an apprentice to Stephen Fountain who was gone from home & Carried his Gun & Powder, & had sent him the deponent home to his father's, to stay until times were settled; & that a number of New England people had staid in that Neighbourhood being to him strangers, who were often in private conference in Private places with said Fountain, & would not let him the Deponent come near them, nor hear what they said, & that they now are all gone, he supposeth in company with Stephen Fountain.

vs. Stephen Fountain.

Mr. Seth Scribner being sworn deposeth that Lazarus Gyer (son of Nathan Gyer) came to his house & staid all night with his Brother Ebenezer Scribner and were much together in private and that now they are both missing, and that a number of others are gone also namely Eliakim Jones, Stephen Fountain, Jonathan Baker Jun, Joseph Scribner, Andrew Patchin & others, but he knows not where; & says that if there were any private plots amongst them they would not (he supposeth) let him know of it.

vs. Laza. Gyer, Eber. Scribner, Eliakim Jones, Stephen Fountain, Jonathan Baker, jun., JosephScribner, and Andrew Patchin.

Mr. John Smith (of Winthrop's Patent) Deposed that Nathan Gyer & his wife, told him the said John Smith, that Capt. Jonathan Baker had urged said Gyer to go off speedily with his Vessell, least he should be taken; & that said Baker told sd Gyer he came to him on Purpose to hurry him the sd Gyer off, least a mob (meaning a party of Minute Men sent by the Committee) would ketch him; this being the last time said Gyer went from Blew Point with his vessel; and that the time before he the sd Gyer told the Deponent that sd Baker (as a Committee Man) gave him the sd Gyer liberty to go out with his vessel & hurryed him away, saying Humphrey Avery, one of the members of this Committe, had a Warrant from this Committe for him the sd Gyer.

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr. Daniel Davis junior being sworn Deposeth, that he was not long since at the south side of the Island in company with Capt Jonathan Baker, whome he heard say he must go up & see the Tories, & being in discourse one word brought in another until Capt Jonathan Baker said with a Resolute Voice & in a Diseffected Manner that if the Congress threw off Dependance, on Great Britain he would oppose them; and swore by the living God that made him, he would beat up for valenteers to raise a Company to oppose the Congress in that case, and would do it if they quartered or cut him in inch pieces for so doing.

vs. Johnathan Baker.

At another meeting of the said Committee assembled on the 4th of June 1776.

Fifteen members being present and Josiah Smith being chosen Chairman Protempory.

Mr. Annanias Smith being sworn deposeth that Capt Jonathan Baker in Discourse with him owned he give Nathan Gyer liberty to go out with his vessel the last time but one, and that said Gyer and his wife told him so too, and that when said Gyer was geting ready to go the last time, he, the Deponent was very uneasy having heard very credibly that several strangers were in the place, whome he feared said

Gyer had agreed to carry on board the ships of War, and went to Mr. Humphrey Avery to have the vessel of said Gyer prevented from going out, which not being likely to be effected, he to be further satisfyed went and watched the shore until about 9 or 10 o'clock in the evening when he saw the Boat of Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker go from Daniel Nashe's Landing (whome he had expected had harboured these Tory strangers) full of men (as he took it) and went around until against the House of Nathan Gyer, and along side of said Gyers vessel which he thinks they went on board off and thereupon heard a Gun fired on Board said Vessel, which he supposeth was a token for said Gyer and others to know they were got on Board, and for them to come also. And said Deponent saith, that the wife of said Gyer told him since, that her Husband with two strangers and others went out of the house to go on board the same time the said Gun was fired, and that (in justification of her Husband) she said that Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker, one of the Committee, had given her Husband leave and liberty to go this last time with his vessel and Passengers; and that Deponent declares that from the foregoing and the manner and cituation in which he saw the Boat of Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker next morning, and many other circumstances which were to him very strong and convincing, he judges and does verily believe that Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker lent his Boat for that purpose. And said Annanaias Smith doth further declare that he is a neighbour to Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker and hath dayly observed his language, maner of Deportment and general conduct, and doth seriously believe from what he has seen of him, and from his general character, that he hath for months past spent the chief of his time in promoting of, and carrying on a correspondence with our common enemies, and helping such amongst us to go on board the King's ships of War and dayly busy in promoting disaffection amongst the Inhabitants to the cause of America, and intirely believes him to be our inveterate enemy. And hath heard him say, there was no order in this Committee (of which he was a member) nor never had been.

Ephraim Marvin, Adjudent, being sworn, Deposeth that being sent by this Committee to Rockaway to see whose guns were on board the vessel of Nathan Gyer when taken there by the Riflemen, and to apprehend Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker and others, and give orders to others to apprehend and secure them if hereafter to be found: the Deponent saith that on his way thither he saw the Horse of said Baker tied behind the House of Daniel Hart, and the Deponent being alone and apprehending said Hart would resque said Baker from him the Deponent, should he attempt to imprison him, therefore the Deponent went forward without discovering himself until he came to the Rifleman at Rockaway, who let him go on board the vessel of Nathan Gyer, which they had there taken with Nathan Gyer, Lazarus Gyer and Ebenezer Scribner on board; and the Riflemen showed him a number of Guns taken on board from which they conjectured others had escaped from on board before they had taken the vessel; and the Deponent saith that upon examining and viewing the Guns he saw the Guns belonging to, and commonly used by Cap^{t} Jonathan Baker aforesaid, and Stephen Fountain, also the Guns of Eliakim Jones and Josep Scribner, and a number of other Guns that he did not know, one of which was a Holland Gun with the upper side of the Barrel flat from the lock to near the muzzle, and another that was a short muskit with a brass round the stock below the lock.

vs. Jonathen Baker, Stephen Fountain, Eliakim Jones, and Joseph Scribner.

And the said Deponent saith that with three Riflemen, he went in persuit of said Baker, and coming near the house of James Morris, he saw said Baker start from the fore door and ran as he supposeth through the house and from the back door northward towards the woods, but was ketched by the Rifle Sergeant.

And the said Deponent declares that from the best Circumstances he could learn said Baker and Fountain & all the above named men, with many others had been on board the Vessel of Nathan Gyer in her to have a passage to the ships of War in the King's service.

Upon Adjudent Marvin's declaring that the Gun of Capt Jonathan Baker was amongst those taken on board the Vessel of Nathan Gyer, Capt Baker said he did not know how it came there & that this was the first that he knew or had heard of his gun's being from home, and said it was then at his

A Demur.

hous, upon which it was alledged that before the sailing of Gyer's vessel he had told Jehiel Weed (not now present) that he was going across his Corn & saw Crows pulling it up, and went into his house for his Gun and it was gone, but who took her he did not know, nor could not find out, but wished he could, saying he would not take Ten Dollars for it; which allegation said Baker offered to declare was false, & that s[d] Weed if present would say so to, and to settle the truth of the Dispute.

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr Josiah Saturly was Call'd & sworn, & Deposed that being at the house of Justice Samuel Tobey on the 23[d] May 1776, he heard Capt Jonathan Baker there tell Jehiel Weed, I was going the other day across my Corn & seeing the Crows pulling it up, I went into the house to get my Gun and it was gone, but who took it he said he did not know, but wished he did, saying he would not take Ten Dollars for it, and

Mr Samuel Saturly saith after being sworn, that he was also present and heard the same discourse of Capt Jonathan Baker as above related by said Josiah Saturly.

Ensign Benjamin Woodhull being sworn Deposed that William Albertson of Ketchaboniack on his return from Queens County told the Deponent that he there met Captain Jonathan Baker who after other discourse asked said Albertson if he knew Ludlee the Boatman at Ketchaboniack? and if he would hire said Ludlee and his Pettianger for the use of some Gentlemen belonging towards the West end of Long Island, and that said Albertson said he told the s[d] Baker, he did not think Ludlee would be hired with his Boat, as the times were very difficult and that s[d] Baker said tell him to apply to me and I will insure her, this being after the Vessel of Nathan Gyer was taken at Rockaway —

Mr Garret Degroat being sworn deposeth that while he was a Soldier had with Francis Bartoe, the Care of Captain Jonathan Baker, being ordered to keep him in custody & soon after taken said Baker upon coming to the fire in the house of Justice Samuel Tobey he saw s[d] Baker pull a Paper out of his Pocket, saying it was not a letter I have received from the men of War, & and the Deponent seeming to hesitate or Scruple the truth of his word thereupon the s[d] Baker offered to let the s[d] Deponent read it, but as the Deponent reached out his hand to receive it to read, s[d] Baker flung it in the fire saying you shall not read it, for it is only a letter I received from Mr William Smith and the Deponent saith the writing was learge & Black, but said he did know the hand writing neither did he read a word of it —

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr Francis Bartoe being sworn saith he only besides Garret Degroat was present when Capt Baker burnt the letter or Paper as related by s[d] Garret Degroat & that he the s[d] Bartoe was not very nigh to nor in reach of s[d] Baker when he burnt said letter nor observed whether it was learge or small writing nor whether there was much or little of it but saw it burn.

vs. John Akely.

Mr Phillip Akely being sworn deposeth that his son John Akely is from home he knows not where nor what after and hath not seen him since Fryday last: he says his son seldom goes much abroad & that the last time he was from home before now, he was not gone more than six days if so long & that his sons Gun is a short Muskitt with a Brass around the stock below the lock (& Agrees with the Description Adjudent Marvin gave of one he saw amongst those taken on board of the vessel of Nathan Gyer) and the last time he saw it or knew of it was sometime past when it was carried to the shop of Stephen Fountain to be repaired.

vs. Benjamin Smith.

Mr. Stephen Akely being sworn Deposeth that Benjamin Smith has been much abroad lately & that the last time he came home he had been gone several days & he understands he is gone again and says it was reported he went to go on board the ships of war. He saith the Gun of this Benjamin Smith (son of John Smith) is such an one as Adjudent Marvin described on bord the Vessel of Nathan Gyer when taken having the upper side of the barrel flat from the lock to near the Muzzle & is what is called a Holland Gun, And Alexander Smith doth declare the same.

vs. Stephen Fountain.

Lieutenant William Clarke being sworn Deposeth, that from all appeances & circumstances & what he could learn, Stephen Fountain went on board the vessel of Nathan Gyer for a Passage to the ships of War as an Enemy to his Country.

Mrs. Hannah Hawkins being sworn deposed, that Capt Jonathan Baker came to their house when her husband was gone abroad & she was telling him that she was very uneasy about the times, and amongst other things she asked him, supposing there is Tories amongst us when the Kings Troops shall come: how will they get to them? to which he answered that 140 had asked him that question already; he also said tell your husband to come & see me & do you come also: he also said he advised all the Tories to obey all orders of the Committee & sign all their papers whatever: and by all means be still at Present; she saith that she at that time did not think he meant an'y harm.

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr. Robert Homan being sworn deposed, that Capt Jonathan Baker came to his house & asked him if he would not come down with Mr. Samuel Conkling & help take the gard of Minute Men stationed at Blew Point, saying it was a poor notion of the Committe to send them there & said that as they were young men that did not know their duty he believed that a fiew old men would take their Guns from them all.

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr. Mathew Beal being sworn Deposed that the Common report of Capt. Jonathan Baker is that he is an unfriendly person to the common cause of America: yet saith he doth not know him to be an enemy, yet he does verily believe him one from circumstances he hath observed in his deportment, & the manner of his spending his time amongst others who bear the same unfriendly character.

vs. Jonathan Baker.

Mr. Humphrey Avery being sworn Deposeth that he knows nothing of Capt Jonathan Baker of his own absolute knowledge that does postively proove him an Enemy to his Country but that he hath observed many circumstances in his behaviour that hath given him, the Deponent, strong suspicion that he is an enemy to his country & is so deemed by common report —he saith that he heard said Baker say there was no order in the committee and Dispised their Conduct.

This may certify that the 13 foregoing pages consist of true copies of the Evidence of the 22 Aforementioned Witnesses, who were all regularly sworn and examined before the Joint Committee of Brookhaven Manor of Saint Georges and Patent Ship of Meriches and the evidence of each Witness recorded upon the Record of the said Committee, And that at the examination of each of the said Witnesses the sum and substance of what each declared was then so carefully recorded, as that upon distinctly reading to each witness what was recorded as his or her evidence that each of them declared that the Record so read was truth & agreeable to their respective meanings.

Attest: EBENEZER DAYTON,
Clerk of the said committe.

CORUM, June 14th 1776.

SUFFOLK COUNTY AND PROVINCE OF NEW YORK.

To William Clark Lieut of the Minute Company in Brookhaven.

You are hereby required by the joint Committee of Brookhaven, Mannor of Saint Georges and the Pattentship Moreches, to take with you what assistence you see proper, and safely convey the Body of Jonathan Baker and Stephen Fountain and them deliver into the Care of the Committee of New Haven as persons that have acted Inimical to the liberties of America in a most glaring manner, and ought to be taken strict care of, but in case they should not be received by the Committee in New Haven, then you are in such case to deliver the above persons to the Provintial Congress or Committee of Safety in New York.

Signed by order of the Committee,
JOSIAH SMITH, P. T.

BROOKHAVEN, June 4th 1776.

At a meeting of the Joint Committee of Brookhaven Manor of Saint Georges and Patentship of Meriches, assembled in a full meeting on the 4th of June, A. D., 1776.

Capt. Jonathan Baker and Stephen Fountain being brought before the Committee, and a great number of Evidences being sworn, and examined and Cross-examined, and at the close of a fair tryal, they stand charged by the state of the Evidence

against them, of being Enemies to their Country, and as such, had taken up arms and held correspondence with our Enemies, on board the ministerial ships of War; and had very much promoted discord amongst the Inhabitants, and had seduced many to forsake the cause of their Country; and had been with many others on board the vessel of Nathan Gyer which they had procured for the purpose of going on board the ministerial ships of War, from on board which vessel, while on their passage, they had fled on shore, while she was persued and that they were taken while they were privately lurking in secret places on shore after said vessel with their Guns &c., on board, had been taken by Continental Troops in the South Bay off against Hempstead and since condemned as a Prize.

The foregoing is extracted from the Minutes by me,

EBENEZER DAYTON,

Clarke of s^d Committee.

Tc the Committee of New Haven for their Information.

John Smith being duly Sworn, deposeth and saith that John Akerly and Jacob Smith came unto his fathers one evening and asked him if he would be willing to join in a Company under Cap^t Baker to assist the Kings troops; which said John Smith utterly refused.

James Smith being Sworn, deposeth and saith that William Longbottom said he wished he dare reveal his secrets to him, and told him that if he was obliged to go into the Service for to run in the woods, and give him liberty to kill any of his Sheep or other Creatures of his to live upon, and when the troops came he would let him know—said there was twelve Thousand to Land at Rockaway, and expected there was four hundred raised To join them in Suffolk County, and at the same time the Shipping to attack New York and a great number in Queen's County, and if required they should have twelve tenders sent into the South Bay and the terms that they should Enjoy their Estates as usual, and all dammages made good to them and said his knowledge came from Governor Tryon and Edmond Fanning, and said he would reveal more unto him if he dare, and if he knew any one that he could trust for to Discover their plan.

Selah Strong Esq^r being duly Sworn, deposeth that he heard Cap^t Jonathan Baker say in March or April, A. D., 1776, that if he could not have a Commission to serve in the Continental Army this year he would never ask for one again on that Side, but said he would get a Commission to Serve in the King's forces.

The foregoing Copies of the Evidence of Selah Strong, Esq^r, John Smith and James Smith agree with the minits of the Record of the Committee of Brookhaven, &c., taken at two meetings on the 20^th and 21^st June 1776.

Copied for the Information of Congress and signed by order of said Committee,

ISAAC OVERTON *Chearman, P. T.*

Confession of James Haff.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 643.]

In Committe for the Precinct of Cornwal at Blooming Grove, in Orange County, June 22^d 1776.

James Haff being brought before this Committe by a warrant from the Chairman on suspicion of his being combined in a plot against the liberties of America; upon examination confessed after some hesitation that there was a plot on foot for a number of men to join the Ministerial Army as soon as they should arrive at New York and that he was sworn to secresy in the matter by John Clark & that

Richard Collingwood he supposed was sworn likewise, and also Thomas Coyne & Hugh Murry & that John Clark told him the said James Haff that every man that joined the Ministerial Army should immediately thereupon enter into full pay & Receive Five Guineas Bounty and be entitled to two Hundred Acres of land. & that those who were friends to the Ministerial Army and stayed at home should after they were sworne be entitled to half pay & save their Estates & further that the Guns at the fortifications in the High Lands would be spiked up by some of the Troops stationed there as soon as they should be informed that the Kings Troops Arrived and that it was expected a party of them would endeavour to push up the River & land at Ver Planks Point — The form of the Oath that said Haff was sworn to, Was as follows, Viz, that he should keep his own secrets & the secrets of his fellows & not take up arms against the King.

A true Coppy from the Minutes:

Attest: THOMAS MOFFATT, *Clk.* ELIHU MARVIN, *Chairman.*

Petition of John Andrews.

[Petitions, 33: 178.]

NEW YORK GOAL, June 23th 1776.

HONERED SIR: The Humbill Pittson of John Andrews now Cunfined in this Goal on suspiton of thift, but I take the Great God to be my witness I am Inesent of the Crim Layed to my Charge it is onley for swaping of a pair of Briches with another man and given him Six Shillens to but and the same Parson that I get the Briches from is in Prison now at this time, May it Plays your Excillency I Jo^{n} Andrews of the 7 Regiment Have bin confined for this 10 wicks Past, and Hass now parson upon the Erth to make my adres to Excepting your Excillency Hoping you will Luck Down on me with a Eye of Pittey and Have me set at Liberty and I Jo^{n} Andrews Dow fourther Declare that I am able and willen to serve in the Defence of Amirica as Long as this Disturbine Lasts sow now mor but Remands your unfortnot Pittsoner. JO^{N} ANDREWS.

May it Plays your Excellency we Fellow Prisnors Dust think it a Duty in Cumbrid on us to a Quent your Excillency with a Conspircey that is Layed agenst you.

Proceedings against the Tories of Queens County.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 649.]

IN COMMITTE, QUEENS COUNTY, June y^{e} 24th 1776.

A Motion was made that all persons under recognizance to the Congress taken by Coll Heard be sent for by the Congress & more safely secured, and that applycation be made to the Congress for that purpose,—

Passed in the Affirmitive.

A Motion was made that 500 Provincial or Continental Troops be immediately sent into Hempstead to put the Resolves of Congress & of this Committee into execution & to be billitted at the Discrestion of the Commanding Officer of y^{e} Second Reg^{t} of Queens County upon the Disafected & Deserting persons untill the same be put into execution & that Application be made immediately to the Congress for that purpose:

Passed in the Affirmative, Likewise

Ordered, that application be made to y^{e} Provincial Congress to subscribe some mode to secure all Persons Disafected and Dangerous as well above Fifty as under in Queens County,

A True Copy from the Minutes:

JOSEPH ROBINSON, *Deputy Chairman.*

Election of Officers in Dutchess County.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 651, 653.]

In Committe, Dutchess County, June 25, 1776.

Resolved that William Clark be recommended to the Provincial Congress for the Commission of Captain in the stead of Capt Darling already in service.

Resolved, that Charles Graham be recommended for the Commission of Lieutenant in the first Company & Theodorus Brett for the commission of a Lieutenant in the third Company in the same Corps.

Resolved, that Reuben Hopkins be appointed Muster Master for Capt Smiths Company & Doctor Carey for Capt Clarks Company.

August 6th 1776.

Lieutenant Graham having resigned his Commission in Capt Smiths Company,

Resolved that Stephen Haight be recommended for the above commission.

Extract from the Minutes:

JESSE OAKLEY, *Secry.*

At A Meeting of the Committee of Hanover Precint at the house of Widow Crists on Tuesday the 25th of this instant June 1776, William Cross, *Chairman*

Resolved 1st that John Barkley & James Huston do attend Capt Van Curans Company on the 27th of this instant June & they attended accordingly — When the Company elected James Munnel senr second Lieutenant & John Barber Ensign, agreeable to the order of the Provincial Congress

Attest: WILLIAM CROSS, *Chairman.*

Election of Officers at Flushing, L. I.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 645.]

In Committe, Flushing,
Queens County, June 27, 1776,

The under mentioned is a true Copy from the Minutes Taken on the 20th May last:

At A Meeting of the Inhabitants of Flushing held at the house of James Burling in Flushing this 20th day of May 1776 was unanimously Chosen. Nathaniel Tono Captain and Jeffrey Hicks Second Lieutenant to serve as Officers in the Militia of Flushing, under the inspection of Thomas Thorne and Edmund Pinfold two of the members of this Committee.

A true Coppy from the minutes by Order of the Committee.

Attest: JOSEPH BOWNE, *Clrk Com*t.

To Mr Robert Benson, Secretary of the Provincial Convention.

Petition of Thomas Roche.

[Petitions, 33: 174.]

New York, June 28th 1776.

To the Members of the Congress.

Honored Gentlemen—I hope your Honors will Be Kind enough to see that your petitioner will not sterve for want of Vittels, and being Ignorant of the Crimes Laide to his Charge, Begs of your Honours Either to Discharge him from his confinement or to find him some prevision and in so Doing you will Lay me under the most obligation and Duty to serve

THOS ROCHE.

Petition of Nathaniel Gyer and others

[Petitions, 33: 132.]

In New City Hall, New York, June 28th 1776.

A humbel petition to the Honourable proventiel Congress.

Gentlemen—As I have this day Received a Coppy of my mittemus to this Goal I com now to supplicate your honours with this prayer that your honours would give me Leave to assend into your presents that I may be Enquired of and that I may have a Right understanding of my crime a Ledged against me, as I suppose there is a suspition of my Being unfriendly to my Countrey, but as for the Evidenses Brought against me I have Never heard and what the crime is I know not. But as I was taken in the South Bay of Long Island by the Rifel men and Brought to the provo gard, and from thence to this Goal, and have been confined ever since, and Now gentlemen may it be your pleasures to grant me the favour of a hearing, and as my Son was taken with me in my vessel and a pasanger Named Ebenezer Scribener we all Beg that your honours would be pleased to give all of the favour of asending into your honourable presents to Be Inquired of as I myself am very poorely and the pasenger is under the docter's hands Now and as we are in a very unhealthy place we Rest very uneasy But still subscribe ourselves your humbel purtitioners.

With submission, Your most humⁱ Servᵗˢ

NATHAN GYER,
LAZARUS GYER,
EBENEZER SCRIBNER.

Petition of Charles Morse.

[Petitions, 33: 136.]

To the Honorable the Provincial Congress of the Colony of New York.

The Petition of Charles Morse of the City of New York, Conveyancer and Scrivener, Sheweth,

That since the commencement of Hostilities by the British Forces in the American Colonies your Petitioners Business hath been so greatly reduced as not to afford a competent Livelyhood for himself and family, and now is entirely stopped. Your Petitioner therefore and inasmuch as he hath always been a stanch Whig, and sincere Friend to the Cause of American Liberty, humbly prays that your Honors will be pleased to appoint him a Commissary or a Clerk or any other Station under your Honors as to you shall seem meet.

And your Petitioner will ever pray &ᶜ

[28 June 1776.] CHAˢ MORSE.

Petition of the Committee of Tryon County.

[Petitions, 33: 176.]

To the Honourable Provincial Congress of New York.

The Humble Petition of the General Committee of Tryon County Humbly Sheweth,

That the Extent of this County is very great and the Militia of Necessity divided into Four Battalions. That we are a Frontier, large, weak and greatly exposed to the Enemy. We ly open to the Indian Nations and thro' us is the passage to Oswego, Niagara, Oswegatchie and other posts possessed by the Enemy. If our Militia are to be of any Effectual service to us in this critical situation it is Necessary we should be under the Command of a General Officer in the County. Against the Brigadier General who is appointed over this County, we have no objection but his Distance. We do therefore earnestly request you will hear our Delagates upon this subject and appoint some General Officer with as much Dispatch as our circumstances require, and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall Ever pray, &c.

JOHN FREY *Chairman.*

Tryon County Committee Chamber, 29th June, 1776.

Messrs. Broome and Van Rensselaer to the Committee of Kingston.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 629.]

New York, 29th June 1776.

Sir: The Provincial Congress having appointed us "a Committee to superintend the Prisoners of the Continental Congress in this Colony, and of the Congress of this Colony, and that we be authorized to Employ proper persons to furnish the said Prisoners with Rations agreeable to certain Resolves of the Continental Congress of the 21st of May last and generally to take care that the said Prisoners be properly secured and disposed of, and treated with Justice and Humanity." We beg leave to inform you that by this conveyance, we send to your care the following Officers taken on board a transport from Scotland bound to Boston, who are prisoners on parole a Copy of which we enclose you, viz:

Capt. John Smith, Lieut. Robt Franklin of the 42d Regiment or Royal Highlanders, Ld John Murray, Col.

Capt. Norman Mc Leod, his Lady and Maid; Lieut. Roderick Mc Leod; Ensign Colin Campbel, and his Lady; Robt Boyse, Surgeon's Mate of the 71st Regiment, Simon Frazier, Col.

John Mc Alister, Master of the Cranford Transport.

By the Resolutions of the Continental Congress of the 21st May last, all Officers as Prisoners are to supply themselves, and are allowed to draw bills to pay for their subsistence and clothing, and if Officers cannot draw or sell their bills, the Congress (Continental) will allow for each of them two Dollars a week for Board and Lodging, to be repaid by said Officers before they are released from their Captivity. No Tavern Keepers are to supply any Officers who are Prisoners on the credit of the Continent.

Having informed you of the Resolutions of the Continental Congress relative to Officers, we doubt not these who are sent to your care will conduct themselves strictly agreeable to the engagements they have entered into on Parole. Notwithstanding this confidence we request that you will be particularly careful they do not in the least violate them, you will be pleased to procure for them at their own expence, good and sufficient Board and Lodgings, and see that they be treated with humanity. By the parole, the Officers are not at liberty to correspond directly or indirectly, or give any intelligence whatsoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, therefore all letters which they may be disposed to write must be delivered to you open, and forwarded to us.

We are Sir, Your most Humble Servts,

J. BROOME,
ROBT VAN RANSELAR,
A. B.

Johannes Sleght, Esq., Chrm. of the Comte, Kingston.

P. S. There are with the Officers the following Persons their servants. Danl Mc Collum, James Mc Donald, Donald Martin and Norman Shaw, Servts of Capt. Mc Leod and Elizt Tullow.

Bonds of Joseph Dwight and Others.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 557, 561.]

June 29th 1776.

Bond of Joseph Dwight mariner, Archibald Mercer of New York & William Bell of Philadelphia, Merchant, in the sum $10,000—that Capt Dwight of the Privateer Enterprize 10 Guns, will observe the instructions & commissions delivered to him.

June 29th 1776.

Bond of Stewart Deane Mariner, James A. Stewart & Isaac Sears of New York, in the sum of $15,000 that Capt Deane of the Privateer Beaver, Six Guns, will observe the instructions and commissions delivered to him.

Report of the Committee to prevent the dangers to which the Colony is exposed from persons disaffected to the American cause.

[Misc. Pap. 48 : 111.]

Whereas, the honorable the Continental Congress by their Resolves of the ninth day of October last Did recommend to the several provincial Assemblies or Conventions & Councils or Committees of Safety the most vigilant and active Care to secure in their respective Colonies whose going at large might in their opinion endanger the safety of the Colony or the Liberties of America. And

Whereas, his Excellency General Washington hath lately exhibited to this Congress sundry Informations & Evidences from which it appears that the enemies of American Liberty have a general Communication with each other and this and part of the neighbouring Colonies by reason whereof the Influence of the British Government is much extended and the minds of the People poisoned by false Reports and Suggestions. And

Whereas, many ill disposed persons have lately resorted unto and a great number dwell in Queens County, particularly in the Southern and Eastern parts thereof, and there are also several ill disposed Persons in the City and County of New York, in Kings County, Richmond County and in sundry other parts of this Colony many of whom will most probably take up Arms on the Part of our Foes whenever they shall see a prospect of success. And

Whereas, from the various Reports and the best Intelligence which can be obtained from Europe, as also from the positive assertions of the Disaffected throughout this and the Neighbouring Colonies & from the Measures by them taken there is no room to Doubt that a large hostile armament will soon invade this Colony. And

Whereas, many of those who now hold offices and Commissions under the Crown and many others who are generally reputed inimical to American Liberty will be liable to suffer Injuries from the Resentment of the People, and the County in general exposed to great Danger from the active exertions of those among us who are determined to assist in the subjection of America.

Wherefore as well out of regard to the safety of Individuals as for the general welfare of America it is highly and indispensably necessary to take speedy and effectual Measures to prevent the hostile intentions of our Foes, to stop the channels of Intelligence and Communication among the disaffected and to quell the spirit of opposition which had lifted up itself.

For which purposes it is hereby Ordered that the following persons be apprehended by the assistance of the Continental Troops now stationed in and near this City, to wit:

That [illegible] be a committee to confer with the commander in Chief now here upon the subject of apprehending the persons above named & to superintend the taking of them.

That upon and after the apprehending of the said persons such of them as shall give good and sufficient security as each shall agree to the said Committee shall there upon, that they will not be concerned in any measures taken or to be taken against the United American Colonies or any or either of them & that they will discover all measures taken or to be taken against the said Colonies or any or either of them so far as the same shall come to their knowledge, respectively be permitted to go at large —

That as to such persons as shall refuse such security it shall be in the Discretion of the said Committee to admit as many of the said persons as they in the Judgement of the said Committee be safely trusted on their parole or word of honor to reside in such part of one of the Neighbouring Colonies as shall be chosen by the

said respective persons approved of by the said committee, such persons giving their parole or word of Honor respectively to the said committee to reside in the place marked out as aforesaid for their residence until the further orders of the Continental Congress and to be subject to such order as to their removal to any other place.

Your Committee do propose that for these purposes it will be proper to take the assistance of his excellency Genl Washington and to march several detachments of the troops under his Command into Queens County & disarm the Inhabitants excepting those who shall subscribe the following declaration, Viz

"We, the subscribers, Inhabitants of ——— in Queens County in the Colony of New York do voluntarily & solemnly engage under all the ties held sacred amongst Mankind at the risk of our lives & fortunes to defend by Arms the United American Colonies against the hostile attempts of the fleets & Armies belonging to or in Pay of Great Britain, until the present unhappy Controversy between the two Countries shall be terminated, provided always that this declaration shall not be construed to bind us to defend in person any other than the Colony of New York or for that purpose to March out of the said Colony."

That all such persons as are required as aforesaid to be disarmed shall on pain of Imprisonment take the following oath or being of the People called Quakers the following affirmation —

I, A. B. Do swear or solemnly affirm and declare that I have not now in my possession nor in the possession of any other Person or Persons or deposited or secreted in any place or places any arms which have not been delivered up to this committee or their order—neither have I the arms of any other Person or Persons or for any use or purpose whatsoever—now in my possession so help me God.

That all those who before the taking of the said oath shall voluntarily deliver up any arms as aforesaid, shall receive a generous price for the Arms by them respectively surrendered and that the Arms of those who shall not so surrender them shall be taken away without paying for them.

That ——— ——— be taken as Hostages for the future peaceful Behaviour of the Inhabitants of the said County—That all persons in the City & County of New York & in Kings & Queens County holding Commissions or Offices under the Crown be taken Prisoners & that those who shall give good Evidence to the respective General Committees of the said Counties that they are well affected to the cause of American liberty and good security that they will not be concerned in any manner against the United Colonies but on the Contrary will discover to the General or Commander in Chief of the Continental Forces for the time being in this Colony, or to the Provincial Congress or County Committee for the time being, all such measures as shall to their knowledge be taken or devised agst the said United Colonies, shall be suffered to go at large, & possess the full enjoyment of their liberty in common with other Inhabitants of this Colony.

That ——— residing in the City & County of New York; ——— residing in Kings County, and ——— residing in Queens County be in like manner apprehended & suffered to go at large upon the like Conditions as above named.

That it be reccommended to all the Genl County Committees in the several counties in this Colony to apprehend all persons holding Military Commissions under the King of Great Britian also such persons holding civil offices under the said King, and such other persons of Influence in their respective Counties as are suspected of holding Principles inimical to the said United Colonies and after they shall have been apprehended to deal with them in such manner as is prescribed for the conduct of the committee above named.

That all persons throughout the Colony who after they are apprehended shall refuse to comply with the said conditions but who nevertheless in the opinion of the Committee of the severeal Counties may be trusted on their Parole or Word of Honor may be pemitted to reside in such part of one of the Colonies of Connecticut New Jersey or Pensylvania as shall be chosen by such respective Person or Persons and be agreeable to and thought proper by the committee before whom such Person is brought.

That all Persons who shall refuse such parole or who in the opinion of such respective committee may not safely be trusted upon such parole shall be confined in close custody until the further order of this or some future Provincial Congress.

All which is nevertheless most humbly submitted.

[May 21, 1776.] JOHN ALSOP, *Chairman.*

[The above Report was considered on 22 May, and amendments made to some parts thereof. The amended Report was approved on the 24 May, and entered at length as approved in the *Jour. Prov. Congress* I. 459. The subject was again resumed on the 5 of June, when a series of Resolutions was agreed upon in regard to persons dangerous and disaffected to the American Cause, and to persons of equivocal character, mainly embodying the views set forth in the original Report. And Mr. Morris, Col. Remsen, Mr. John Ten Broeck, Mr. Haring, Mr. Tredwell, Col. Lewis Graham, and Mr. Hallett (or any five of them) were appointed a committee to carry out the said Resolutions which are printed in *Jour. Prov. Cong.* I. 476—478. On the 13 June Messrs. Jay and Hobart were added to, and Col. Remsen discharged from, the above Committee and on the 14th Mr. Philip Livingston was associated with them and Mr. Leonard appointed in the place of Mr. Ten Broeck, who was very much indisposed.—Ed.]

Minutes of the Committee to Detect Conspiracies.

[Mis. Papers, 34: 307.]

Die Sabbati, 12ª ho., June 15th 1776.

The Committee for the hearing and Trying dissaffected persons and those of equivocal Character met in the Assembly Chamber.

Present: Philip Livingston, Joseph Hallett, John Jay, Thomas Tredwell, Governeur Morris, Lewis Graham and Leonard Gansevoort, Esquires Members.

The Draft of Summons read and approved of.

Ordered that 100 Copies be printed.

List of Suspected Persons.

[Miscel. Pap. 30: 544; 34: 468; 36: 156.]

New York County.

Wm Tryon,+ on Board the Ship of War Dutches of Gordon.
Oliver Delancy,+
Chas. W. Apthorp,+
William Smith,+ Haverrstraw.
Hugh Wallace,
John H. Cruger,+ Long Island.
James Jauncey Jr.+
William Axtell,+
G. Banyar,+ Red Hook.
George Brewerton,+ Supd to have arms in his possession.
Chas Nicol,+
William Winterton,
*William Newton,+
James Wells, Crugers Wharff.
John Mc Kenney
Gerard Walton,+ Queens county,
Doctr Donald Mc Lean,+
Chas Mc Evers,+
Peter Goelet,
John Taylor, V. D. Mr.
*Capt. Lenus King,+
John Weatherhead,+ on Board the Ship of War D. G.
*John Baltus Dash,+
Benjn Stout, Sen.
*Benjn Wiliams,+
Capt. Hervey,+ on Board Ship of War D. G.
Benjn Hugget,+
Jonathan Hampton,
*Christopher Benson,+
J. T. Kemp, Esqr+ on Board Ship of War D. G.
Wm Mc Adam,+
*Wm Bayard,+
*Fredk Rhinelander,+
John Cruger,+
Jacob Walton,+ Queens County.
Major Robt Bayard+
Peter Graham,+
John Moore, Custom House.
*James Coggeshall, Do.+
Peter Van Schaick,+ Kinderkook.
George Berks,+ on Board Ship of War D. G.
Andrew Elliot,+ Amboy, N. Jersey,
*John Milner,+
*Benjn James,+
*Theophilacte Bache.+
Peter Mc Clean,+ } to be Apprehended.
Saml Galsworthy,+ }
Francis Delaroach, }

*Henry Law,+
*Theo. Hardenburgh,+
*Sam[l] Burling,+
*John Woods, Esq.+
Normand Tolmie,
David Mathews, Mayor,+
John Watts, Jun[r]., Westchester,+
Judge Thomas Jones,+
John Cruger, Kinderhook.

Kings County.

1 List.

*Theop[t] Bache,+
*Benjamin James,+

2 List.

Augustus Van Cortlandt,+
John Rapalyee,+

Richmond County.

1 List.

†Isaac Decker,+
†Abraham Harris,+
†Ephraim Taylor,+
†Minne Burger,+

2 List.

Benjamin Seaman,
Christopher Billop.

Queens County.

1 List.

†Rich[d] Hulet, Rockaway.+
†Thomas Cornel Do.+
†Stephen Hulet.+
*Doct[r] Charles Arden.+
†Joseph Beagle, Rockaway.+
†John Kendal, at Dan[l] Thorn's, flush[g]+
*John Moore, Sen[r]., Newtown.
*David Beatty, Hempstead.
†John Bodin, Jamaica.+
†—— Chafe, Do.+
John Hulet, Oyster Bay.+
Isaac Denton, near Rockaway.+

2 List.

Gabriel Ludlow,+
Doctor Samuel Martin,+
Thomas Jones,+
Archibald Hambleton,+
David Colden,+
Rich[d] Colden,+
Geo. D. Ludlow,+
Whitehead Hicks,+
Samuel Clowes,+
George Folliot,+
Sam[l] Doughty,+
Dan[l] Kissam,+
Gilbert Van Wyck,+
John Willet,+
David Brooks,+
Charles Hicks,+
John Townsend,+
John Polhemus,
Benjamin Whitehead,+
Thomas Smith, Oyster Bay.+
John Shoals,+
Nath[l] Moore.+
Sam[l] Hallet,+
W[m] Weyman,+
Cap[t] Thomas Hicks, Rockaway,+
Benjamin Lester, Hempstead.

Westchester County.

1 List.

*Frederick Philipse,+
*Caleb Morgan,+
*Nath[l] Underhill, Mayor.+
*Samuel Merrit,+
*Peter Cornce,+
*Peter Huggeford, Doctor.+
*James Horton, Jun[r]+
*William Sutton,+
*William Barker,+
*Joshua Purdy,+
*Absalom Gidney.+

2 List.

Solomon Fowler,
Rich[d] Morris, Esq[r] Judge admir[y]

Those to be Summoned marked thus *; to be Arrested thus +; Apprehended thus †.

Whether Gautier and Sickles be added to the List:

For it.	*Against it.*
3 Tryon,	2 Richmond,
2 Charlotte,	5 Dutchess,
4 Ulster,	8 New York,
4 Westchester, M[r] Morris, diss[t]	6 Albany,
4 Queens.	—
—	21
17	3 Orange.
	—
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The Court-room in the City Hall of the City of New York, the 19th day of June, 1776.

Mr. Morris offered to the Committee a draft of a Warrant to be issued against dangerous persons described and named in the Resolutions of the Provincial Congress of the 5th of June, instant; which, being read was considered, was agreed to as follows:

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 489.]

Whereas the Congress of the Colony of New York on the 5th day of June instant did pass certain Resolutions reciting among other things that, "Whereas there are in this Colony divers persons who by reason of their holding Offices from the King of Great Britain, from their having neglected or refused to associate with their fellow citizens for the defence of their common rights, from their having never manifested by their conduct a Zeal for & an attachment to the American Cause, or from their having maintained an equivical neutrality, have been considered by their Countrymen in a suspicious light, whereby it hath become necessary as well for the safety as the satisfaction of the people who in times so dangerous & Critical are naturally led to consider those as their enemies who withold from them their aid & Influence that sundry persons in the said resolution named of which number is one And also all such other persons of the like character as We, a Committee of the said Congress for that purpose by the resolutions aforesaid duly appointed & authorized, may think proper, be summoned to appear before us at such time & place as we should appoint then & there to shew cause why they should be considered as friends to the American Cause and as of the number of those who are ready to risque their lives & fortunes in defence of the rights & liberties of America against the usurpation, unjust claims & cruel oppression of the British Parliament, which rights & liberties & which unjust claims & Cruel Oppressions are specified & stated in divers addresses, Petitions & Resolutions of the Present & late Continental Congress, And in default of Appearance we the committee aforesaid on proof made of the service of said summons are authorized & directed to cause them to be arrested & brought before us by Warrant under our hands directed to any Militia Officer in this Colony who is by the said Resolve required to execute the same—And Whereas in pursuance of the Resolutions aforesaid of the said Congress—We the Committee aforesaid did on the —— day of June instant issue our summons to the above mentioned ——— to appear before us at the City Hall of the City of New York on —— the —— day of —— at —— o'clock in the —— noon of the said day to shew cause if any he had why he should be considered a friend to the common cause and which summons was duly served on the said ———— as appears by the return of —— the messenger of this Congress thereto duly appointed & sworn, And Whereas the said ———— did not appear in pursuance of the summons aforesaid but hath made default—We therefore the Committee aforesaid In pursuance of the Trust reposed in us by the Resolves aforesaid do authorize & require you forthwith to arrest & bring before us at the City Hall of the City of New York the above named ———— for this purpose aforesaid and to abide such order in the premises as by us may be made & bring with you then there this Warrant Given at New York.

The Committee adjourned till to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, to meet at the same place.

The Court Room in the City Hall of the City of New York, the 20 Day of June, 1776.

Certain Members of the Comr being obliged to attend to other Business imposed on them by the House, the Comr did not meet but several of the Members agd to meet tomorrow Morng at 10 oClk in the forenoon at the same place

Examination of William Leary.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 335.]

William Leary says he came hither last Monday about ten oclock in Pursuit of William Benjamin a Workman of Mr Erskins who had ran away from Ringwood

Iron Works. He found the said Benjamin at the House of one Forbes at the Sign of Robin Hood. After taking him Forbes ran & got a Pistol for Benjamin to defend himself & Ex^t took hold of Benjamin and prevented him from using said Pistol. Ex^t carried the said Benjamin to Pauls Hook Ferry who was there rescued by Sergiant Cornet of Cap^t Roosevelts Company & by the said Captain enlisted. Ex^t then met James Mason one of the Workmen of M^r Erskins who had some time ago been discharged. James Mason asked Ex^t if he did not want to see James Ramsay Christopher Wyley & George Gammel. Ex^t said yes. James Mason said Ex^t might see them if he would take an Oath that he did not come to take them up which Ex^t refused saying he would nevertheless be glad to see them. Mason asked Ex^t if he had run away who answered in the affirmative. Mason then asked what Ex^t would do with himself & whether he would do as the rest of them had done. Ex^t asked what that was. Mason said he must go and be qualified and then he would tell him. Ex^t agreed to be qualified but asked on what foundation Mason told him he was to swear before a Gentleman in this town to go on Board of the Man of War that he Mason and his Companions had so sworn and were to receive wages & Provisions untill they would be able to get there. Ex^t asked who the Gentleman was that swore them. Mason replyed that it was a Gentleman employed by the Mayor or Governor of the town but the Examinant thinks the Mayor who swore them and found Provisions for them untill they had an opportunity to get on board the Man of War. Mason then conducted Ex^t to the House where George Gammell James Ramsay & Christopher Wylly lived. This House is a Scotchman's just below the Jews Synagogue a Private House does not know the mans name. when Ex^t came in George Gammel asked him if he was in Pursuit of them who answered in the Negative. George Gammel then said did you come away in the same Manner as we did. Ex^t said Yes. Gammel then said we will have a drink together. Gammel said he would divulge his mind to Ex^t if Ex^t would be true to him. Ex^t answered "I will be as true to you as you are to me" Gammell then took Ex^t aside and asked when he would go on Board of the Man of War. Ex^t said he did not know but would take the first good opportunity. asked Ex^t if he wanted a Pass. Ex^t said he had a Pass sufficent for him to go as far as he wanted. Gammell brought to Ex^t a Person to give him a Pass whom Ex^t does not know but believes he should know him again if he was to see him. Ex^t said he wanted to see the New England Encampment to see one Amos Hutchins a Captain intending to decoy them thither and have them apprehended. When Ex^t had got about half way up the Broadway they discovered his Pistols and would have fled thinking as Ex^t supposes that he meant to take them up. James Ramsay & Christopher Wylly ran off, Ex^t pursued and catched James Ramsay. They then gathered together and asked Ex^t why he carried Pistols who replyed that they were his Defence untill with them he could get on Board of the Man of War. They being then suspicious turned back but Ex^t first asked George Gammell when he intended to go on Board the Man of War & how. Gammell answered I intend to leave town this night and go to Long Island & get from thence to the Man of War but whether to get a Person to put him on Board or to steal a Boat or Canoe this Ex^t is not certain. Gammell then said the Gentleman who was employed by the Mayor had desired them not to be seen more than two together. The Gentleman had further told him the Rifle men were so thick on Long Island as to prevent him from getting on Board untill a more convenient opportunity & perhaps they might not get on Board untill Gen^l Howe arrived with his fleet. they expected a large Body of Men to join them from Goshen & they were to get on Board with the utmost Dispatch after Gen^l Howe's arrival.

WILLIAM LEARY.

Examined by and sworn the 20 June 1776,
Before us:
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^r MORRIS.

Examination of James Mason.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 313.]

James Mason says about two weeks and an half ago a Man took his Qualification that he would not devulge any thing about the Business he was then upon. When he went up to Goshen from Ringwood about five weeks ago to look for a Place as a Miller he saw a man who had been four days on Board of the Man of War by name William Forbes a Tanner & Currier by trade. That as you go up the Broad Way you come to the Street in which is the Oswego Market opposite to the South side of which four Doors from the Corner of the Broadway lives one Lowry a tavern keeper a fat Man who wears a blue Coat and that he hath frequently met the said William Forbes in that House. Ex^{t} asked where he did lodge. Forbes would not tell him. That he told Ex^{t} he never lodged twice in the same House being afraid. That Forbes has a House of his own five miles from Goshen at which he saw him when Ex^{t} was looking for a Place. Forbes told Ex^{t} he had been four days on Board the Man of War last April when the ship Savage fired on Staten Island. That Governor Tryon would give five Guineas Bounty or two hundred acres of Land for each man, one hundred for his Wife and fifty for each Child upon Condition they would enlist in his Majesty's Service. Ex^{t} bore Forbes's expences to Town, Forbes undertaking to repay him in hard Cash when they got on Board. That Forbes was to have a bounty from the Governor for every man he could get and had been sent there for that Purpose. That the Governor had desired him to go up and get as many men as he could. That the Recruits were to assist the King's Troops when they came. That Recruits were not to go on Board because they could do more good on Shore and besides they were on short allowance in the ship & crowded as Forbes told Ex^{t}. Forbes & Ex^{t} came to New York by way of Elizabeth Town and in their way at Warwick Forbes enlisted William Benjamin to go along with him & at Elizabeth Town Forbes enquired at Deacon Ogdens where he used to work & told Ex^{t} after the Enquiry thay they would not get on Board from Bergen Point or Staten Island as there were Rifle Men stationed there, but must go to New York for that there was a man there one M^{c}Lean a Shoe Maker near the Royal Exchange who was employed by the Govenor to carry Recruits on Board. That Forbes & Ex^{t} came to New York in an Elizabeth Town Boat and went first to Thomas Mason at the corner of Beaver Street & Broadway at the sign of the Highlander where they left their Baggage & William Benjamin to take care of it and went then to M^{c}Leans to enquire for a Passage. that M^{c}Lean & Forbes whispered together & then Forbes told Ex^{t} that M^{c}Lean said there was no opportunity of getting on Board in two or three Nights. That M^{c}Lean recommended them to one James Houlding a Tavern Keeper in Tryon Row opposite the Gate of the upper Barracks for a lodgings. they went up to Houldings leaving Benjamin still at Masons and after Dusk Ex^{t} went for Benjamin & he and Benjamin carried the baggage up & all three lodged at Houldings that night telling Houlding M^{r} M^{c}Lean had sent or recommended them there as a safe house. next morning Forbes went to see for an opportunity to get on Board and did the like for two or three days. Forbes, Benjamin and Ex^{t} staid at Houldings one week without being able to get on board of the Man of War. William Benjamin agreed to go on Board of the Man of War also & accept the Governors Bounty. after the first week as they could not get on Board Houlding observed that they ought to be spread about for that keeping them together would occasion suspicion in his House. That one Corbie who lived near General Washington's used to resort to the House of Houlding where he was introduced to Forbes, & this Ex^{t} also got aquainted with Corbie. that many Tories resorted to Houldings amongst whom were two Brothers of the name of Fortune the one a Tanner living in the swamp and the other a saddler whom he had seen working at Cooks in the Broadway also one Fueter a Silver Smith who was rid about town for a Tory & another of the same name whom he takes to be his Brother. Also a man without an arm whom he believes to be an old Pensoner & Gilbert Forbes a Gunsmith living opposite to Mr. Hulls Tavern a short thick man who wears a White Coat. that these Persons as he believes knew of the Ex^{ts} Intention but did not care

to trust him as he had not taken his Qualifications. That Ex^{t} was qualified before the s^{d} Gilbert Forbes & the said William Forbes at the House of the said Corbie. that William Forbes gave him the Book & that they made him swear not to divulge any thing of what the Examinant now tells. that when Ex^{t} was at Houldings Gilbert Forbes, William Forbes & Corbie advised Ex^{t} to go to Corbie's House and Work a little in the Garden to prevent suspicion. Gilbert Forbes then promised Ex^{t} ten shillings per week subsistance money of which this Ex^{t} hath received at different times twenty-six shillings & eight Pence. that the Examinant complained ten shillings was too little. Forbes said he could not help it but he would write to the Governor & try and get it increased to twelve. that he after told Examinant he could not get an answer because a Boat coming from the Governor was near being taken & had thrown the letters over board. that William Benjamin & William Forbes hath also received money from the said Gilbert. that Ex^{t} according to the advice of the Forbes's & Corbie went to Corbie's & continued there untill last Saturday. that while Ex^{t} lived at Houldings Corbie came there between nine & Ten o Clock at night & brought with him a Mullotto Coloured Negro dressed in blue Cloaths about five feet eight Inches high well set but know not his name or to whom he belongs but is informed that he hath since been taken up and put in Goal. when Corbie & the Negro came in there was a great deal of Whispering round between Corbie, William Forbes, the Negro and another Man who had been waiting to get on Board & did go on Board that Evening. that afterwards the Examinant and William Forbes had some conversation about the Negro. Forbes told him the negro was going on Board the Man of War with that man and two or three more but the Craft was so small it would not carry them all for fear of Discovery wherefore he Benjamin & William Forbes were obliged to stay behind. that when this Ex^{t} was qualified there was present one Clark who had been a School Master about eight or nine miles from Goshen and with whom the said William Forbes was acquainted. that the said Clark said in the Examinant's hearing that he had enlisted about sixty men of whom he had a list and who were ready to assist when the Troops came. that Ex^{t} beleives the list was given to Gilbert Forbes to be sent to the Governor For that the names of the Ex^{t} William Forbes & William Benjamin were taken down by the said Gilbert as this Examinant supposes to be sent to the Governor. that one Hickey of the General's Guards he believes to be concerned who is now in Confinement. that one Green of the General's Guards a Drummer is concerned for that Ex^{t} saw Gilbert Forbes in Conversation with said Green but could not hear them & since that time Green hath administered an oath to this Hickey & some other Soldiers of the General's Guards & as Ex^{t} is informed is to have one Dollar per Man from Forbes for every Man he shall inlist. One Barnes of the General's Guards & one Johnson a fifer of the Guards who as well as Green & Hickey have been in the regular Service are qualified for the same purpose—That William Benjamin told Ex^{t} he heard Gilbert Forbes say that he would go to the Mayor & get one hundred Pounds which he must have. That Ex^{t} & William Forbes in their way from William Forbes House came to a fine House. that Ex^{t} asked what fine house that was. that Forbes said it belonged to the Brother of the Mayor of New York that he knew him very well had been there several times & must go there now to tell him what he was going about, to know if he had any word to send to his Brother & that the Exam^{t} must walk on slowly & he would over take him. That at the Door of the House Ex^{t} saw an old, short thick fat man that Forbes staid there about a Quarter of an Hour & then followed and overtook the Examinant who asked Forbes if the Mayor's Brother had given him any letters. Forbes said no he had only desired him to tell his Brother that he was well That the Mayor's Brother had asked who the Ex^{t} was & Forbes told him it was a young man going upon the same Errand that he was.—Ex^{t} believes Gilbert Forbes is at the Head he and the Mayor & the Governor. JAMES MASONE.

Examined the 20th June 1776 by us,

JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 301, 412,]

Friday June 21. 10^{e} ho. a. m. 1776.

The Committee met at the Court Room in the City Hall pursuant to adjournment.

Present. John Jay, Esq^{r} Chairman. M^{r} Livingston, M^{r} Hobart, M^{r} Gansevoort, M^{r} Morris, and Col^{o} Graham.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to the order of this Committee of the 19th Instant he had on that day duly sworn Sampson Dyckman the messenger of this Committee, faithfully to execute the duties and offices of messenger to this Committee.

The Secretary further reported that pursuant to another order of this Committee of the same day, he forthwith delivered the Summons made at the Day to the messenger, to be served—and that he delivered the other Summons's to the messenger yesterday morn'g, when the s^{d} messenger informed him that W^{m} M^{c} Adam to whom one of the first mentioned sum^{s} was directed, was absent from home and as the messenger was informed by M^{rs} M^{c} Adam gone to a distant part of N Jersey, from whence it was uncertain when he w^{d} ret^{n} and that he deliv^{d} the s^{d} Summons to M^{rs} M^{s} Adam.

That the messenger further informed him that he had delivered the Summons directed to Oliver De Lancy Esq^{r} to his wife M^{rs} D. L., being as she inf^{d} him gone from Home, and that he had deliv^{d} the Summons directed to M^{r} Apthorp and M^{r} Rob^{t} Bayard to themselves respectively.

That he had not served the Summons directed to George Brewerton, he being with his Family out of Town.

Ordered, That the Sec'y make out a number of blank warrants in the form directed by this Com^{e} on the 19th day of June Instant.

Ordered, That M^{r} Hubbart and Coll. Graham prepare the D^{t} of a warr^{t} proper to be issued ag^{t} such Persons of equivocal Character as may neglect or refuse to appear on Summons, and also of a summons proper to be issued to Persons supposed to be inimical and Dangerous to the Cause of America.

The Com^{e} Ad^{d} to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning to meet at the same place.

Informations respecting Charles Arden and others at Jamaica.

Doct^{r} Char^{s} Arden was the person who instigated the Tories to sign against having a Congress or a Committee.

Benj. Smith (son of Sam^{l} Smith). Robert Hinchman. Thomas Smith, (son of Tho^{s} Smith) who he threatened to hang if he would not sign a paper.

Isaac Leffertse—bo't the widow Betts farm.

He wrote the affidavit of Rocloff Duryee about parson Kettletas, and carried justice French to Duryee's for that purpose.

Cap^{t} Benj Whitehead—late Supervisor—repeatedly refused to communicate to the Town of Jamacia certain Letters from the General Committee of New York, Requesting the Town to be called together to elect members of a Committee or Congress.

Witness, Waters Smith, or either of the other persons above named, or Cap^{t} Jacob Wright.

Alex^{r} Wallace resides at Jamacia in Wat Smith's house.

—— Bethune, he maintains an Intimacy with Benj Whitehead and with Doct^{r} Arden.

—— Martin from Antigua dwells in Ob^{n} Mill's house, opposite the meeting house at a high rent. He associates Chiefly with James Depeyster.

Charles M^{c} Evers, resides in John Troops house.

Thomas Colgan and Flemming Colgan frequently go to Creedshill to look out—

that two Dunbars, John W^m^ Livingston Jun^r^ and one of the Colgan's were there lately looking out for a fleet—that the Dunbars shut themselves up and refused to Train or pay their Fines, Jn^o^ and W^m^ Dunbar.

George Folliat lives with Jacques Johnson at fresh meadows about 1½ miles from Jamaica.

Thophilact Bache — of Flat Bush comes to Jamaica to Alex^r^ Wallace.

James Depeyster lives next to W^m^ Betts—his son Jos Depeyster, has been pursued several times but can't be taken, he is s^d^ to be a dangerous Tory.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 305.]

M^rs^ Brewerton presents her Comp^t^ to Capt Thomas Randall and begs to acquaint him that when she Returned from the City to her family at flat Lands She found a Summons left at the house by a person from the Congress for M^r^ Brewerton attending on them at ten o'Clock this day. She begs it as a favour of Capt Randall to acquaint the Gentlemen of the Congress that it has not been in her power to make M^r^ Brewerton acquainted with it as he went out yesterday morning a fishing and dose not Expect to Return till this Evening or to Morrow on his Return she will acquaint him with the Summons and make no doubt but he will Immediately attend the Congress.

Flat Lands, Friday June 21^st^ 1776.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 543, 544.]

To his Excellency Geo Washington Esq Genl.

Sir: whereas David Mathews Esq stands charged with dangerous designs & treasonable conspiracies against the Rights & Liberties of the United States of America —we do in pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the 20^th^ June inst, authorize & request you to cause the said David Matthews to be with all his papers forthwith apprehended & secured & that return be made to us of the manner in which this Warrant shall be executed in order that the same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our hands this 21^st^ day of June 1776.

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^R^ MORRIS.

Gen^l^ Greene is desired to have the within warrant executed with Precision & exactness by one o clock the ensuing morning by a careful Officer.

Friday afternoon 20^th^ June 1776.

G^o^ WASHINGTON.

Long Island, June 22^d^ 1776.

In obedience to the within Order & Warrant I sent a detachment of my brigade under the Command of Col. Vernon, to the House of the within named David Matheus Esq at Flat Bush, who surrounded his house & seized his Person precisely at the hour of One this Morning—After having made him a Prisoner vigilant search was made after his papers but none could be found, notwithstanding that great care was taken that none of the Family should have the least opportunity to remove or destroy them.

NATHANIEL GREENE.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 529, 531, 533, 539, 647, 648.]

Scots Tavern, in Wall Street, [June 22, 1776.]

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment. *Present:* Mr Hobart, Mr Tredwell, Col Graham, M^r^ Randall, Mr Gansevoort. The Committee unanimously chose Mr Hobart Chairman Pro tempore.

Whitehead Hicks Esq. attending on a summons returnable this day was called in.

The Chairman read to him part of the resolution of Congress of this Colony relative to persons of equivocal character—and desired him to shew cause to this Committee why he should be considered as a friend to the cause & rights of America—

Mr Hicks says the cause he can shew is only negative, That he defies Envy itself to shew any thing in his conduct that is against his country, that he has for many years held honorable & lucrative Crown Offices unsolicited & repeatedly sworn allegiance to the Crown—That in this situation were his nerves stronger, he would not willingly personally take up arms on the part of the Country. That his father & Brothers are strongly attached to & engaged in the American Cause, that he therefore as well as from principle never will be induced to take up arms against his Country. That some of his near relations are in the Continental Army—That he never advised or dissuaded any person not even his servant or domesticks in these measures—That his servant has been engaged in this Countrys service from the first of these troubles—& is now actually serving in the troops raised in this Colony without the least contradiction or dissuation on his part.

Mr Hicks was then asked by the Chairman whether in his opinion that the British Parliam^{t} has a right to tax America—

He replied that he would be very unwilling to be taxed by the British Parliament.

Mr Hicks was then asked by the Chairman whether he thot the present measures of the Colonies in defending by arms justifiable, to this he replied that arms were the last resort and justifiable where necessary as the last resort but that he has not fully examined or considered whether every other neecessary expedient had been previously used—

The Chairman then asked him whether he was willing to subscribe the Association made by the Provincial Congress on the 29th inst. to which he replied that he could not sign it because he could not take up arms, and that as an honest man he could not sign any thing which he did not mean to perform.

Mr Hicks withdrew—

Resolved unanimously that Whitehead Hicks Esq is not such a Friend to the cause & rights of America as is mentioned in the Resolutions of the Congress of 5th day of June inst—

Resolved unanimously that it is not necessary to remove Mr Hicks from his present place of Residence—

Resolved unanimously that Mr Hick's parole be taken that he will not oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony & that his parole is sufficient security—

Mr Hicks was called in and informed of the determination of the Committee & a Copy of the Parole delivered to him. Mr Hicks read the Copy of the Parole and declared that he would wish to consider whether this parole might in any manner interfere with his Oath of Office of a Judge but had not any other objection to it—the Committee informed Mr Hicks that he might take the time to consider of it.

Mr Hicks requested & the Committee consented that Mr Hicks consider thereof until Monday next—then to return the said parole signed or to call on this Committee.

An Order of the Congress of this Colony the 21st instant relative to Samuel Witten—refering his case to this Committee was read, and is in the words following to wit (prout)

The letter from Col Hand exhibiting the chg^{s} against the s^{d} Samuel Whitten was also read & taken in consideration,

The s^{d} Sam^{l} Wetten was called in. He says he crossed the Ferry in a Boat with some officers on thursday last—that he was something in liquor & spoke something too free. He then related the conversation with the officer during his passage across the ferry—He further says that he has been drafted for in Capt Buechannans Company in which Company he is a Sergeant. That he voluntarily offered to take a chance of being drafted, that had he not been in the State he was he would not

have said what he did at that time -- Whitten farther says that he thinks the Americans are right in their resistance by arms & that he is willing to take up arms & defend the Country that he only mentioned it as his opinion that the Troops would land at Long Island — that he never had any information of that kind, the said Sam[l] Whitten subscribed the Association made by the Congress of this Colony on the 20[th] instant —

Thereupon Resolved, that Samuel Whitten be discharged and permitted to go at large.

Mr Samuel Martin attending pursuant to a summons from this committee returnable this day was called in —

He says he attends in pursuance of a summons received last week.

The chairman read to him the resolutions of the Congress of this Colony of 20[th] Instant relative to persons of equivocal character, and desired him to show cause, if any he had, why he should be considered as a Friend to the American Cause.

Mr Martin says he has never done any thing against the Country, and is not an Enemy to the Country. That he always meant to remain as peaceable and inactive as he could.

The chairman asked Mr Martin if he chose to be considered as a Friend to the American Cause, and as one of those who are willing to risque their lives and fortunes in defence of America.

Mr Martin declared he should be sorry to be considered an enemy to the country and never meant to lift an Arm against America.

The chairman informed him that he now had an opportunity to distinguish himself as a friend to America.

He replied that he was ready to give any assurance that he would not take any active part ag[st] America. That he never meant to take up arms.

Mr Martin being asked whether in his opinion the British Parliament has a right to tax America.

He replied that in his opinion the Parliament has not a right to lay internal taxes on the Colonies.

Being asked what he understood by internal taxation replied that he would consider a land tax as an internal tax.

Being asked whether he did not consider a tax on personal estates was equally unconstitutional.

He replied that he did not if it was for the regulation of trade. But that he is not a Politician, and has confined his Studies to his profession.

Mr. Martin was then asked whether he would give security that he would not oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony.

He replied that he would, but that he did not know of any person in this City of apply to to be his security, that he would apply to his Father who resides on Long Island who would be his security.

Mr Martin withdrew.

Resolved unanimously that Samuel Martin is not a Friend to the American Cause.

The Chairman then put the question whether it is necessary to remove Samuel Martin from his present place of Residence.

The committee unanimously agreed that they have not sufficient information to determine that question at present, and therefore agreed to defer the further consideration thereof til to-morrow morning.

Mr. Martin was called in and informed thereof and desired to attend at the City Hall to-morrow morning at Ten o'clock.

Robert Fenton of the City of New York, Brass Founder being sworn saith that five or six weeks ago at his own house one Jacob Loree master of a Pettiaugre of John Rapalye asked him if there were any such things as getting Riffles in town — Dep[t] answerd that he did not believe there was one — Loree said that he believed there were many for that he had been applied to to carry a considerable number of

them on Board the Asia — Dep^{t} asked him by whom, he replied that he would not tell but that he had refused to take them, That Dep^{t} has heard since that the said Riffles were afterwards carried on board but did not understand by whom.

ROBERT FENTON.

Sworn the 22^{d} June 1776,
Before us,
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY.

Thomas Fletcher a private in Capt Newell's Company of Artillery being sworn saith — that this Dep^{t} was lately a private in Coll Huntington's Regmt in Capt Truebridge's Company. That about a month ago one John Camell a shoemaker living next door to the sign of the Buck opposite to the western side of the Fly Market employed him to work as a journeyman with him at such times as he was not on duty, that after the Dep^{t} had worked with him awhile he was pleased with deponent's work and endeavored to persuade him to desert saying Damn the Congress, who gave them liberty to raise Soldiers — Come with me I will conceal you or send you off as I have done with two or three others — That deponent consented & was concealed by him for two weeks and an half and finding he could not clear his conscience in what he had done he sent for his Comrade & delivered himself up and hath ever since done his duty as a soldier — That he has frequently heard the said Camel in conversation curse the Congress say he wished the whole Town were all Tories & that the Mayor was as big a one as any in it and further this Dep^{t} saith naught.

THOMAS FLETCHER.

Sworn the 22^{d} June 1776,
Before us,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

Daniel Gray of Stamford in Connecticut being sworn saith that Nathaniel Williams of Huntington told him the day before yesterday, that a Gentleman had reported there that as he was by a fence by the Road — Hugh Wallace Theop^{s} Bache & Charles M^{c}Evers & three others whose names the Dep^{t} hath forgot passed by & he overheard them saying that the Enemy were to land at Rapelye's Mills take Poss^{on} of the Forts on Long Island & thence play on the town and that they were to be joined by the tories on Long Island & further saith not.

DANIEL GRAY.

Sworn the 22 day of June 1776,
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

Hugh Stevingson being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth & saith that on the eighteenth of this Instant June he bought 15 pounds of powder of Mr Nicholas Conery at the Sign of the Red Lyon, Between Batemans & Burlings Slip in New York, & that some time past he this Deponent Bought Ten pounds of the said Conery & that he supposed it came from on board the Asia and Further the Deponent saith not.

Sworn before me this 22 day of June 1776.

ABEL BELKNAP,
Chairman of the Commite of inspection of the Precinct of Newburgh.

Cornelius Platt being duly sworn Deposeth and saith — That he came from New York with Mr Hugh Stevenson in his boat last Wednesday, that on his Passage, Mr Stevenson told him that he had something on board, that if it was found out it would be as much as his neck and his whole sloop was worth. This Deponent asked Mr Stevenson what it was, Stevenson answered it was fifteen pounds of powder which was asked if it was our Country powder he said not, it came from the Asia Man of War.

He further asked him what he expected to do with it, his anser was, he expected to sell it at one Dollar per pound, that 15 pounds of Powder would fetch him Fifteen Dollars, the Deponent further said that he and Mr Stevingston had some Discourse about the times when Mr Stevingston told him that he expected that all these officers would soon be swung up, and the Deponent took it that he meant all these Continental officers, at the last of The time this Deponent asked Stevingston whether he intended to sell this Powder to the Tories, he told him he did not, and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn before me this 22^{d} day of June 1776.

ABEL BELKNAP,
Chairman of the committe of inspection for the precint of Newburgh.

Tories in New York and Orange.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 386.]

William Forbes, by Trade a Tanner and Currier, formerly an Inhabitant of Orange County.

Lowry, a Tavern Keeper (no sign) four doors from the corner of the Broadway, opposite the South side of the Oswego Market in one of the low houses, a fat man with a blue Coat.

William Benjamin, an apprentice of M^{r} Erskines, now a Soldier in Cap^{t} Roosevelts Company; enquire of William Leary.

M^{c} Lean, a Shoe maker near the Royal Exchange.

Thomas Mason, a Tavern Keeper at the sign of the Highlander, at the corner of Beaver Street and Broadway.

James Houlding, a Tavern Keeper in Tryon Row opposite the Gate of the Upper Barracks; no sign; his name written over the Door; a Beer House.

Corbie, a Tavern Keeper, to the South East of Gen^{l} Washingtons House, to the Westward of Bayards Woods, and North of Lispenard's Meadow.

Fortune, a Tanner living in the Swamp.

Fortune, a Sadler who works at Cooks in the Broadway.

Feuter, a Silver Smith who was rid upon a Rail lately.

Feuter, a Brother of the other.

Gilbert Forbes, a Gunsmith opposite to Hulls Tavern, a short thick man with a white Coat.

Clarke, formerly a Schoolmaster about nine miles from Goshen.

James Ramsay, Christopher Wyley and George Gammel, these are M^{r} Erskines workmen, inquire of W^{m} Leary.

John Taylor, formerly a Constable in this Town.

Forbs, a Tavern Keeper at the sign of the Robin Hood.

M^{c} Ginnes, a Pensioner with one arm

Warrants against Tories.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 319, 321, 323, 327, 331.]

To Captain Abeel.

Sir: Whereas Peter M^{c} Lean of the City of New York, Shoemaker, stands charged with dangerous Design and treasonable Conspiracies ag^{t} the Rights and Liberties of the united Colonies of America, We do in pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth June Instant authorize and request you to cause the said Peter M^{c} Lean to be with all his Papers forth with apprehended and secured, and that Return be made to us of the manner in which this Warrant shall be executed in order that the same be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this twenty second Day of June 1776.

PHIL. LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

To William Allison, Esq., and Col° Clinton or either of them.

Gentlemen: Whereas James Mathews stands charged with dangerous Designs and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of the united Colonies of America, We do in Pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth of June Instant authorize and request you to cause the said James Mathews to be with all his Papers forthwith apprehended and secured, and that Return be made to us of the manner in which this Warrant shall be executed, in order that the same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this twenty-second Day of June 1776.

PHIL. LIVINGSTON,
GOUV^R MORRIS,
JOHN JAY.

The within named James Mathews taken at his place of abode in Cornwall Precinct, Orange County, persuant to the within Warrant, and delivered to the Committee. But no Papers Containing Information Relative to the Conspiracy.

New York, 25 June 1776. Per M^r. WILLIAM ALISON.

To William Allison and Col.° Clinton or either of them.

Gentlemen: Whereas William Forbes & —— Clark stand charged with dangerous Design and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of the united Colonies of America We do in Pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth of June Instant authorize and request you to cause the said William Forbes and —— Clark to be with all their Papers forthwith apprehended and secured and that Return be made to us of the manner in which the Warrant shall be executed in Order that the Same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this Twenty-second Day of June 1776,

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
GOUV^R MORRIS,
JOHN JAY.

In persuance of the Within Warrant went in sereh of the within named William Forbes & Clark to the Uper End of Orange County their usual place of abode but found they were gone off, but on Returning to New York found them In Custody of the Guards. W^M ALLISON.

New York, 25^th June 1776.

To Captain Abeel.

Sir: Whereas John Campbell stands charged with dangerous Designs and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of the united Colonies of America. We do in pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth of June Instant authorize and request you to cause the said John Campbell to be with all his Papers forthwith apprehended and secured and that Return be made to us of the Manner in which the Warrant shall be executed in Order that the same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this twenty second Day of June 1776.

JOHN JAY,
GOUV^R MORRIS,
PHIL LIVINGSTON.

To Gen^l Green, Nassau Island.

Sir: Whereas George Brewerton Esq stands charged with dangerous Design and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of the united Colonies of America. We do in Pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth of June Instant authorize and request you to cause the said George

Brewerton to be with all his Papers forthwith apprehended and secured and that Return be made to us of the manner in which this Warrant shall be executed in Order that the same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this twenty second Day of June 1776.

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^R MORRIS.

CAMP LONG ISLAND, 22^nd June 1776.

Cap^t Jere^h Olney you will take such a party out of the Brigade as Will be Necessary to Carry the Within order of Congress into execution and Serve Brewerton with this Warrant, seize his person & Secure his papers agreeable to the within Warrant as soon as may be and bring him & them to me & Report your doing hereon.

NATHANAEL GREEN.

June 25^th

Cap^t Olney has made two attempts agreeable to the Report accompanying this to take alderman Brewington Prisoner, but was unsuccessful, This day he came and Delivered himself up, have sent him under the Care of Cap^t Bowen.

NATHANAEL GREEN.

NEW YORK, 23^d June 1776.

GENTM: According to your orders of 22 Inst I have taken all the prisoners mentioned in them, to wit, William Forbes, Anthony Clark & John Campbell whom I have delivered to the Guard and am ready to execute any Further Commands I shall receive having the Guard this day.

I am Gen^tl y^or Most Ob^tt Serv^t

JAS ABEEL.

To the Hon^ble PHILIP LIVINGSTON, JOHN JAY, & GOUVERNEUR MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 400.]

Sampson Dyckman now present — returns that he left the Summons directed to James Jauncy Jun Esq^r on thursday last with the Master of House where M^r Jauncy lodges who then informed him that M^r Jauncy was gone abroad with his wife and had been absent some days — but was expected to return on that or the next Day.

That he delivered the Summonses directed to W^m Axtell, David Mathews, Charles M^cEvers & Whitehead Hicks, Esquires, to themselves respectively on Thursday last & on the same day left the Summons directed to George Brewerton Esq^r at his Lodgings at flat Lands with a woman there said to be his housekeeper.

That on Friday last he delivered the Summon's directed to Thomas Jones Samuel Martin & George D. Ludlow Esq^rs to themselves respectively —That on that day he delivered the Summons directed to Gabriel Ludlow to a woman in his House said to be M^rs Ludlow his wife who informed him that M^r Gabriel Ludlow was not at home, and that he also left the summons directed to Samuel Clowes at his house with his wife, who said he was not at home.

That on Saturday morning last he delivered the Summons directed to Arch^d Hamilton, David Colden & John Willett Esq^rs to themselves respectively. That the Summons directed to Richard Colden he delivered to a woman at his House whom he supposed to be his wife — That each Summons which he did not serve personally he desired the person to whom he delivered it, to send or deliver it to the person to whom it was directed as soon as possible — That the Summons directed to Thomas Hicks at Rockaway he delivered to the Secretary after his return to New York; as the said Thomas Hicks is deceased upwards of four Months ago, from the best information which he could obtain.

(Indorsed.) 24^th June, 1776.

Examination of David Matthews.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 366.]

David Matthews Esq^{r} Mayor of the City of New York being examined saith that about six or seven weeks ago the Ex^{t} went on Board the Dutchess of Gordon by permission of General Putnam to obtain from the Governor Permission for Lord Drummond to go to Bermuda. That as the Ex^{t} was about to leave the Dutchess the Gov^{r} took him into his private Room, and put a bundle of paper money into his Hands telling Ex^{t} to take out five pounds and give it to the Prisoners in the Goal, and pay the Rem^{r} to Gill Forbes for some Rifles & round bored Guns which he had made for him & for others which the said Forbes was to make and to tell Forbes that he did not want any more Riffles. That this Ex^{t} was surprised to hear that the s^{d} Forbes was engaged in that Business, and at the same Time thought that Gov^{r} Tryon had put a Matter on his Shoulders which might bring him into some Difficulty. That this Ex^{t} on his return to this City consulted a Friend of his, telling him that he would mention a Matter to him which he believed would surprize him, and then informed him that Gilb Forbes had supplied the Gov^{r} with a Number of arms & was employed in that Business and that Ex^{t} had brought up the money to pay him at the same time mentioning that he thought the Gov^{r} had put a hard task on his Shoulders. That Ex^{t} then advised with him what he should do and asked him whether he would take the money and endeavour to convey it to him privately, which he declined doing, and said that he would mention the matter so to Gilb Forbes as that he would be able to determine by his answ^{r} whether he was the man. That to this Ex^{t} consented. That Ex^{t} after leaving his Friend concluded it would be best not to pay the s^{d} money to Forbes but to delay it as long as possible, that in Case of a Discovery the Ex^{t} might avail him self of not having paid altho he had rec^{d} the s^{d} money. That shortly after Forbes called on this Ex^{t} and told him that he had been desired by the Gen^{l} to whom this Ex^{t} had mentioned it, to call on him for the money Ex^{t} had rec^{d} for him of Gov^{r} Tryon. That Ex^{t} then asked him if it were possible that he hath been sending Guns on Board the Gov^{r} Ship, to which he answ^{d} in the aff^{e}. That Ex^{t} then told him he would be hanged if he was found out, and requested him if he regarded his Safety that he would not go on with such Schemes. That he s^{d} he could send them on Board in such a way that no Body could find it out. That he had sent them on Board in a Conoe or Boat covered with a Straw Bed and two or three old chairs upon it. That he then asked Ex^{t} to pay him the money. To which Ex^{t} answered that he was to receive money and as soon as he got it he would pay it to him upon which they parted. That a few days after he called on Ex^{t} again to know whether Ex^{t} had rec^{d} the money for that he wanted it very much. Ex^{t} told him he had not and the better to account for Delays the Ex^{t} had Recourse to this Subterfuge. That the Gov^{r} had given him positive orders not to receive any payments for him but in York or Jersey money—That with this he seemed pleased and requested Ex^{t} to pay him in that money because with it he could purchase certain articles necessary in his Bnseness cheaper than with any other. That he then informed Ex^{t} that he had a number of men whom he wanted to send down to the Gov^{r}—That Ex^{t} told him that he might save himself that trouble, for that the Gov^{r} had told this Ex^{t} that he had been obliged to turn many on Shore and could not receive any more — on which Forbes expressed some Concern as to what he should do with them, on which Ex^{t} desired him to tell the men to go to their homes and drop any such schemes. That shortly after the s^{d} Forbes again called on the Ex^{t} for the money, and mentioned a scheme of raising a Company and requested to know whether he would have a Commission. That Ex^{t} on this begged of him to desist from such a scheme, for that he would certainly be discovered and the Gallows would be his Lott & that it would be time enough for him to inlist men or act when he got his Commission. That he s^{d} he could carry it on so as not to be found out, and that he could inlist a number of the General's Guards. That on this they parted. That this Ex^{t} then found that M^{r} Forbes became so troublesome to him that in order to get out of his way and stave off the Paym^{t} af^{d} this Ex^{t} kept more in the Country than he w^{d} otherwise have done. Then on Forbes finding this he pursued Ex^{t}

up to Flatbush and not finding him there pursued him to Polhemus about four miles from Jamaica in order to get his money. That this Ex^{t} finding there was no way to get rid of him, told him that on Monday Ex^{t} would come to town and pay him the money which was accordingly done viz: 114-8-0 and Ex^{t} then hoped that he should not be plagued with him any more — That the next day Ex^{t} again came to town and had been in his House but a few moments — when Forbes came into Ex^{t} Office. That Ex^{t} told him he must never come into Ex^{t} Office any more on which he went away without saying a word. That John Young the Ex^{ts} Clerk was present and then in the s^{d} Office, and that Ex^{t} has not seen the s^{d} Forbes since. That at the time when the s^{d} Forbes called on the Ex^{t} as a^{gd} he mentioned to this Ex^{t} a scheme he had of taking possession of one of the Batteries when the Fleet arrived, and another scheme of cutting down Kings Bridge — That this Ex^{t} desired his friend above mentioned to advise and beg the s^{d} Forbes to desist from s^{d} measures and give them over — That this Ex^{t} has never since or before rec^{d} from Gov^{r} Tryon any other sum whatever for any such purposes whatever — That shortly before the time when this Ex^{t} paid the af^{d} money to the s^{d} Forbes, this Ex^{t} was at Waldrons Ferry standing near John Carpenter's stoop and that the said Forbes being in Company with one Serjeant Graham turned off from the s^{d} Graham, and came up to this Ex^{t}. That this Ex^{t} asked him where he had been — he answered that he had been to look at all the Fortifications. Ex^{t} asked him whether he was not afraid of being taken up by the Sentries, to which he replied that he was not, for that he could go there whenever he pleased.

That about the time that this Ex^{t} paid the money af^{d} to Forbes, This Ex^{t} being in his office, a man in Regimentals came in which alarmed this Ex^{t}. That he asked him whether he wanted this Ex^{t}. He asked Ex^{t} whether he was the Mayor to which Ex^{t} replied he was, and asked him what he wanted—he observed to this Ex^{t} that Ex^{t} did not know him, for that he had never seen him before. Ex^{t} said he did not know him—he told Ex^{t} he was one of General Washingtons Guards, and meant to serve the King. Ex^{t} told him he had nothing to do with inlisting men for the King. He said he had inlisted some that morning himself, and was about to pull a paper out of his Pocket in order to show Ex^{t} their names. That Ex^{t} told him he did not want to know their names, and had nothing to do with them, and advised him to return to his Quarters, for that if he was discovered he would be brought to the Gallows, on which he went away, and Ex^{t} has neither seen or heard of him since. That another man a little before the time last mentioned, who said he came from the Country and knew Ex^{ts} Father and Brother, came to this Ex^{t} to see if he could not get on Board the Ship. Ex^{t} asked him why he left his Home, he said he had been so persecuted he would not stay. Ex^{t} advised him to return and keep himself quiet and that Ex^{t} imagined no body would hurt him. That he replied he must and would get on Board some how or other, for that he did not dare to go back. Ex^{t} then asked his name which he told Ex^{t} was *Forbes*. Ex^{t} told him then that he did not know of a likelier Person to serve him than a namesake of his that was in town—he asked Ex^{t} if he meant Gilb Forbes, to which Ex^{t} replied yes—he said he knew him and went in quest of him, and that Ex^{t} has never seen him since. That several other persons unknown to this Ex^{t} have at different times called on this Ex^{t} to inquire how they might get on bord the ship. That Ex^{t} always advised them to turn home and since Ex^{ts} Interview af^{d} with the Gov^{r}, he told such as called upon him for the purpose af^{d}, that there was no Room for them on Board, that many had been turned away, and that they had better go home. That this Ex^{t} has no further knowledge than that he has af^{d} declared relative to any Person being engaged in the Business of inlisting men for the Kings service, or in Keeping up a Communication between the City and the Gov^{rs} Ship or Man of War at the Narrows. That this Ex^{t} does not know otherwise than by sight, and has never spoken or written a Line to Peter M^{c} Clean a shoe maker in this Town on any subject whatever. D. MATHEWS.

New York, 23 June 1776.

Ex^{d} by Phil Livingston,
John Jay,
Gouv^{r} Morris.

Examination of William Forbes.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 360.]

William Forbes of Goshen Precinct in Orange County, Tanner and Currier, being examined saith that he knows Gilbert Forbes of the City of New York, Gunsmith. That the first time he saw him was in the City between the brick Meeting and the Goal, that he heard somebody call him M^r^ Forbes. This Ex^t^ accosted him and told him that his name was Forbes also, that there upon they went into Houldings a Tavern & drank together. That he has been at the House of the said Gilbert Forbes on an invitation from him. That he knows a Serjeant in Gen Washingtons Guards but cannot recollect his name. That he became acquainted with him at Corby's, an Innkeeper near Gen Washingtons. That this Exam^t^ went to Corby's in Company with one James Mason from Ringwood who was at work in Corbens Garden. That the Sergeant was a Middle sized fresh Complection'd man an Englishman. That Ex^t^ became acquainted with James Mason at Dutches County, afterwards saw him at Goshen and from thence came in Company with him to this town. That he told Mason he had been on Board the Man of War last winter while she lay in the East River—That he was never on Board the Dutchess of Gordon—That he never said he was on Board the Savage when she fired on Staten Island. That he had heard & among others from the s^d^ Mason that 200 acres of Land was offered by Gov^r^ Tryon to each man who w^d^ go in the Kings Service and 100 to the Wife & 50 to each Child—That Ex^t^ borrowed twenty odd shillings of Mason & promised to repay him when Ex^t^ got money from on Board the Man of War where he had two Brothers in Law who had promised to send him money to pay his Debts. That he never engaged with Gov^r^ Tryon or with any other Person whatever to undertake the Business of inlisting Soldiers for the King, nor of inticing the continental Soldiers to leave that Service.—That he and Mason came to Town by the way of Eliz Town, and that at Warwick, Mason persuaded one W^m^ Benj^n^ to go along with them. That he knows Peter McClean, a shoe maker near the Exchange. that Ex^t^ applied to him to put him on Board the man of war. That McClean answered that he could not do it as all the Centries were so strict. That Ex^t^ then s^d^ to M^c^Clean that then he would inlist in the continental Service which he has since done in Cap^t^ Beekmans Comp^y^ of Lashers Batt^n^. That Ex^t^ Mason & Benj^n^ lodged the first night they came to Town at Houldings. That while they were there, Corby was introduced to Benj^n^ & Mason by Gilb Forbes & Corby took them to his House where the Ex^t^ has seen them in Company with Gilb Forbes and the af^d^ Serjeant of the Guards.—This Ex^t^ saw the said Ser^gt^ & Gilb Forbes administer oathes of Secrecy to Mason, & two or three Soldiers—That Corby was present when the said Soldiers were sworn as af^d^—That after M^c^Clean had as af^d^ told this Ex^t^ that he knew not how to get on Board the man of war, M^c^ Clean recommended him to David Mathews Esq^r^ as a proper person to direct him how to get on Board the Man of War. That Ex^t^ accordingly went to M^r^ Mathews and told him that M^c^Clean had directed Ex^t^ to him as a proper Person to tell him how he should get on Board the man, and that there was a Lad (meaning Mason) who had come down from Ringwood that wanted to go along. that M^r^ Mathews told him it was too dangerous for him to say any thing about it but that he would direct him to one that would get him on Board and sent this Ex^t^ for that purpose to Gilbert Forbes—That this Ex^t^ accordingly applied to the s^d^ Gilb Forbes and that Gilb Forbes said he could not do any thing in it till he had seen Corby. That shortly after the said Gilb Forbes told this Ex^t^ that he had seen Corby & that Corby s^d^ he would get Ex^t^ on Board in a few Days. that Ex^t^ afterwards saw Corby ,and that he made the like Promise to Ex^t^ but Corby afterwards told him he could not and that he had been able only to send one on Board by a Mullatto Fellow.

That this Ex^t^ knows John Clarke and that he told this Ex^t^ that he had 50 or 60 Men to go into the Kings Service and that he had prevailed upon his Brother Anthony Clarke to consent to go with them—That John Clarke was to be a Cap^t^ and that one Seely of Chester in Orange County was also to be one of the officers.

Examined the 23 Day of June 1776 WILLIAM FORBES.

by and Before us: JOHN JAY, GOUV^R^ MORRIS

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 356.]

City of New York, ss.: James Savage being examined saith that he hath not during the present Troubles enlist or engage any men in the Service of the King, or keep up or hold any Correspondence with any Persons on Board the Dutchess of Gordon or the Ships or Vessels of War at the Narrows.

New York ss June 23, 1776.

Phil Livingston,
John Jay,
Gouv[r] Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 358.]

John Clark of Blooming Grove in Orange County, Painter and Glazier, saith that he never hath enlisted any men for the King, nor engaged any, nor hath he ever said so. that he hath seen Gilbert Forbes at his Shop, went there with William Forbes to see if said Gilbert would subscribe for a Perspective View of Quebec. that he did not tell William Forbes that he was concerned in enlisting men nor that he was employed by Governor Tryon. that he did not tell said William Forbes or any other Person that he had enlisted any men. That he did not desire Gilbert Forbes to get him a passage on Board the Governor's ship, and that he never hath been on Board the Governor's ship, nor attempted to go there.

Examination taken the 23[d] June 1776 JOHN CLARKE.
before us: Phil Livingston,
John Jay,
Gouv[r] Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 535.]

John Kearl of the City of New York, Shoemaker, being sworn saith, that he has for some time past worked as a Journyman with Peter M[c] Clean near the Exchange, that the said M[c] Clean has worked and both made and mended shoes for people on board the Asia since she has been down at the Narrows, as the s[d] M[c] Clean informed this dep[t], but this Dep[t] knows not in what manner the s[d] shoes were conveyed on board, or by whom. That this Dep[t] has seen a Countryman of the name of Forbes frequently at M[c] Cleans, also one Houldain an Inn Keeper near the Barracks, Edw Nicolls. Lenze, Confectioner; and Further saith nought.

Ex[d] and sworn the 23[d] June 1776, JOHN KEARL.
By and Before
Phil Livingston,
John Jay,
Gouv[r] Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 354.]

City of New York, ss.: Abraham Ackerman commonly called Ab. Jones of Clarkes town in Orange County, being sworn saith, that about a Fortnight or three weeks ago this Dep[t] came to this City in order to get a Berth on Board some Vessel. That he lodged at the house of Peter M[c] Clean, a shoe maker near the Exchange. That he has seen one M[r] Edw. Nicolls and one Peter Lenze a Confectioner often at M[c] Cleans and heard them talk very much like Tories. That he has often seen a man there whose name he has since heard to be *Forbes* a Countryman. That M[c]-Clean used to go a fishing often. That this Dep[t] believes that M[c] Clean is now at Bulls Ferry, his wife has gone there (as she says) once or twice a week ever since M[c] Clean left the City, which was at the time when some Tories were carried about on Rails—and further saith naught.

Sworn and Ex[d] 23 June 1776, ABRAHAM ACKERMAN.
Before and by
Phil Livingston,
John Jay,
Gouv[r] Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 352, 353.]

John Craig late a Soldier of the eighteenth Regiment being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth & saith, that being now a Prisoner in the Common Goal of the City & County of New York he hath frequently observed that Cap^{t} Savage a Prisoner now in the said Goal hath received sundry Letters from Persons on Board the King's ship and the Dutchess of Gordon as he believes by means of one James a tall man with Lightish Coloured Cloaths marked with the small Pox, light Hair, about forty years of Age and another of the name of Mathew a Person about five Foot six Inches well set and a dark Complection that the last of the two on Wednesday last was in the Gaol and this Deponant heard Captain Savage say "Mathew stay a few minutes and I will have them all ready" meaning certain Letters which he was then writing to go on Board the said ship. And this Deponant further saith that the said Cap^{t} Savage hath inveigled a Number of the Continental Troops to enlist in his majesty's service among which are one Irwin, belonging to Cap^{t} Hardenberghs Company and late of the 26th Reg^{t} of Foot. Peter M^{c}Closkey of the same Company a Fifer and late of the same Reg^{t} Richard Smith of the same Company late of the 7th Reg^{t} of Foot & James Johnson a Fifer of the Gen^{ls} Guards and this Deponent further saith that Gilbert Forbes who is as he is informed Committed by Order of a Committee of the Congress is confined in the Room opposite to him. that a centry was placed on the outside of the Door of the Room in which said Forbes is confined. that the outer & the inner Doors were shut & about ten o Clock at night Peter Chiles at the Request of said Forbes & of the Tories in the Goal opened the inner Door that said Forbes might as he said have air. that Chiles opened the inner Door by pushing the Bolts back with the Ramming Rod of the Centry who was placed at the door. that after the Door was opened the said Forbes by means of a Hole in the outer Door conversed freely with the Tories in the Passage. that M^{r} Harris the Midshipman taken by the Rifle men from on Board the Savage & M^{r} Medlass spoke to him and the said Forbes gave two half Pints of Liquor to the Woman to sing Tory songs. and further this Deponent saith that M^{r} Harris hath wrote sundry Letters as well as the said Cap^{t} Savage to go on Board the said Ships and that M^{r} Harris M^{r} Elder are as this Deponent believes concerned with the said Cap^{t} Savage in enlisting the Men. and further this Deponant saith not.

JO^{N} CRAIG.

Sworn 23^{d} Day of June 1776
before us PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

City of New York, ss. John Andrews a Corporal of Capt^{n} De Witts Minute Company at Rhienebeck and now a Prisoner in the same Room with the above named John Craig being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that the several Matters and Facts in the above Deposition contained are to the best of his knowlege & Beleif true the said John Andrews from being confined in the same Room with the said John Craig been in like manner with the said John Craig privy to the several matters & things contained in the said affidavit.

his
JOHN x ANDREWS.
mark.

Sworn the 23^{d} Day of June 1776
before us,
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 529.]

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY, WHITE PLAINS, June 23, 1776.

M^{r} ——— appeared before this Committee and Maketh Oath that William Sutton did about fourteen Days ago, at the House of Nicholas Morrel, declare, in tho Presence of this Deponent, James Reynolds and several others whose names this Deponent does not at present recollect, that in case Independency was declared by

the Continental Congress, that there were three Colonels in the Service who would join the Ministerial Party.

By Order of the Committee,
JOHN THOMAS, Junr *Chairman.*

The above Deponent is a man of good Character and well known to this Committee, and if the Congress requests to have him before them, his name shall be given up to them.

By Order of the Committee of Safety,
JOHN THOMAS, Junr *Chairman.*

Miscel. Pap. 34: 295.]

Monday, 10 o'clock A. M., June 24th 1776.

The Committee met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall of the the City of New York pursuant to the agreement of yesterday; the Court Room being occupied by prisoners and Guards.

Present: John Jay, Esq., Chairman; Mr Philip Livingston, Mr Hobart, Mr Randall, Colo Graham, Mr Morris, and Mr Gansevoort.

Mr Axtell attended in pursuance of the Summons from the Come and returnable this Day.

The Chairman informed Mr Axtell of the Resolutions of the Congress relative to Persons of equivocal character, and told him the Come hoped he would give them Evidence of his being a Friend to ye Amn cause.

Mr Axtell appealed to the uniform Tenor of his Conduct which he said had never been unfriendly to this Country.

The Chairman then asked him whether he apd of the American oppn he replied that he did not of the whole, and signified his disapprobation of ye Canada Expedition.

The Chairman asked him whether he thought the Parleamt of Great Britain had a Right to bind these Colonies in all cases what so ever, to wh he replied that in his opinion they had not. The Chairman then asked him whether a Resistance by arms to the hostile attempts of the British Fleets and Armies to execute and enforce their Claims was justifiable to these questions. Mr Axtell declined to give an answer declarg that he did not mean to take an active part on either side.

That the Bulk of his fortune was in Britain and the West Indies.

Mr Axtell was then desired to withdraw, and the Come went into a Consideration of Mr Axtell's Case, in the Course of which the following questions were put by the Chairman,

1st Whether Mr Axtell is such a Frd to this Country as is described in ye sd Resolutions, carrd Unani. in the neg.

2d Whether it is necessary to remove Mr Axtell from his present Place of Residence—on which Mr Morris moved that the Question be deferred for Consideration, which was carried in the negative. The Question being then put whether he shall be removed from his present Place of Residence. Agreed unanimously in the negitive.

The Question was then put whether any other security should be demanded of Mr Axtell than his parole—Agreed unanimously that his parole is sufficient and that no other security be required.

Mr Axtell was then called in and desired to give his parole that he will not directly or indirectly oppose or countravene the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony.

Mr Axtell objected that the parole is so broad that it may admit of disagreable Constructions of such parts of his Conduct as he may think the most innocent, and offered to give his parole not to take an active part agst the Am. cause. A Copy of the Parole was then given to him and he was desired to consider ye same and attend this Committee again on Monday next.

[Miscel. Pap., 34: 348.]

John Willett Esquire, attending on a summons returnable here this day, was called in & The Resolutions of the Congress of this Colony as to persons of equivocal Character read to him by the Chairman.

The said John Willett was then asked by the Chairman whether he had any Evidence to give or would Show Cause to the Committee why he should be considered as a Friend to America &c To which he replied that he has no other Reason but his Opinion that the Parliament have no Right to lay Internal Taxes on America.

Said John Willett was then asked if he would sign the Association by the Provincial Congress made on the twentieth Instant to which he replied that he had no other Objection to it but that he did not chuse to take up arms.

Said John Willet was then asked whether he thought the Cause of America just or unjust to which he replied he was not a proper Judge of the Matter.

Said John Willett was then asked whether he was for the Congress or against it to which he replyed he was not against it.

Said John Willett was then asked if he was for the Congress to which he replied that he should never disturb them.

Said John Willett was then asked to whom he wishes success Gen^{l} Washington or Gen^{l} Howe to which he replied he wished those might succeed who had justice on their side.

Said John Willett was then asked on which side he thought justice was to which he replied that he was no judge but wished that Justice might take Place.

The said John Willett was then requested to withdraw.

Resolved, unanimously, that the said John Willett is not a friend to the Cause and Rights of America.

Resolved, unanimously, that it is not necessary to remove the said John Willett from his stated Place of Residence.

Resolved, unanimously, that the said John Willett give Bond to the President of the Congress of this Colony for the time being by name, in the sum of £2000 that he will neither directly or indirectly contravene or oppose the measures of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of this Colony.

The said John Willett was then called in and did consent to give such Bond wherefore ordered that M^{r} M^{c}Kesson prepare & get the same executed by the said John Willett.

June 24, 1776.

[Miscel. Pap., 34: 344.]

Know all Men by these presents that John Willett of the Township of Jamaica in Queens County of the Colony of New York Esquire am held and firmly bound unto John Hearing Esquire president of the Congress of the Colony of New York in the sum of Two Thousand pounds lawful money of New York, to be paid to the said John Hearing or to his certain attorney, Executors, administrators or assigns; for which payment well and truely to be made and done I bind myself, my heirs Executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal and dated this Twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy six.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John Willett shall neither directly or indirectly oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress, or the Congress of this Colony, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. JOHN WILLETT.

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of us

Rob^{t} Benson,

John M^{c}Kesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 384, 388.]

Cap^{t} Archibald Hamilton attending on the Sumons returnable here this day called in.

The Chairman informed Cap^{t} Hamilton of the Reasons of his being so summoned

and read to him the Resolutions of Congress relative to Persons of equivocal Character, and told him that he was considered as of that number, and that the Com^e hoped he would give them satisfactory Evidence of his being a friend to America.

Cap^t Hamilton thereupon observed that he loved America, that he had fought and bled and been in Irons for her—that he wished her free and happy—and that no Promise or offer of Reward or Preferm^t could tempt him to draw his sword ag^t her. That he has refused such offers, and that he holds no office or Com^m what ever under the King of Great Britain. That he has a Brother and other near Relitives now serv^g in the King's armies, and that he could not think of unsheathing his sword ag^t them or the King.

Cap^t Hamilton on being asked by the Chairman whether in his opinion the Parliament of G. B. have a right to bind these Colonies in all Cases whatsoever, said he was not sufficiently acquainted with subjects of that kind to answer the Question, but that if he had twenty hearts he would sooner lose the Blood in them all than lose his Liberty.

The Chairman then asked him whether he would give his Parole of Honor neither directly or indirectly to oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony, to which he answered that he w^d very readily for that he never w^d injure America in Word Thought or Deed.

Cap^t Hamilton was then desired to withdraw and the Committee proceeded to take his case into Consideration. The result of which was That they un^y

Resolved, That Cap^t Hamilton was not such a friend to the American Cause as is described in the s^d Resolutions for the Congress.

That it is unnecessary that he should be removed from the Place of his pres^t Residence, that Confidence might be reposed in him as a man of honor and therefore that his parole was a sufficient security for his not opposing or contravening the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony. Cap^t Hamilton was then called in and on his agreeing to give such parole, it was red^d to writing and on his signing it, was discharged.

NEW YORK, June 24^th 1776.

I, Archibald Hamilton, Esquire do declare upon my Honor that I will not directly or indirectly oppose or contravene the Measures of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of this Colony. ARCH^D HAMILTON.

[Miscel. Pap., 34: 374.]

John Yates of the Wallkill Precenct in Ulster County Labourer, being sworn saith,

That Early in thee last Spring Absalom Bull one of Dep^ts Neighbours came to him and told him that he was but a poor man and that if he would go with the s^d Bull he would make a Gent of this Dep^t. That this Dep^t asked him how, he replied that if the Dep^t would go and serve the King for three years or to the End of the American war if that sh^d sooner happen this Dep^t should have two hundred acres of Land on the Frontiers. That Dep^t said it was very uncertain, for he did not see how he was to get a warranty Deed for it, but if he could get a warranty Deed for two hundred acres of Land he did not know but he might engage—on this they then parted.

That for many Days repeatedly after that, the s^d Absolom Bull together with Isaac Waugh & Rich^d Bull came to this Dep^t and pressed him to Enter the King's Service, but the Dep^t put them off—That they afterwards went, as they informed this Dep^t on Board the Man of War and when they returned brought him a Letter from Gov^r Tryon informing this Dep^t that if he would come on Board the Ship and pilot the Men of War up the North River he w^d give this Dep^t a Dollar a Day, and five pounds a foot for every foot that the Vessell he piloted drew more than 20 Feet, and should have two hundred acres of Land at the Determination of the American War, and that Ireland, Scotland and Wales had all united with England to subdue America.

That this Dep^{t} had till within a few years last past been a Seafaring Man and was well acquainted with the navigation of the North River, which was well known by his said neighbours, and as this Dep^{t} believes was by them made known to Gov^{r} Tryon.

That this Dep^{t} afterwards rec^{d} two other letters of the like import from Gov^{r} Tryon.

That ab^{t} six weeks ago this Dep^{t} together with the said Absolom Bull, Rich^{d} Bull, and Isaac Waugh travelled from their Homes down to West Chester County to White Stone Ferry where they crossed over to Long Island and thence to Hempstead and went to the house of one Simonson a Tavern Keeper in that Town. That they went from thence to the House of Cap^{t} Hulet where they all lodged—That the next morning this Dep^{ts} Companions went off from Rockaway in an Oyster Boat that plied between the Coast & the Ship & supplied them with Provisions as he was informed & believed. That they desired this Dep^{t} to go with them, but this Depon^{t} being sick & not being much inclined to go on Board said he would wait at Cap^{t} Hulet's till their Return.

That after three Days they all returned to this Dep^{t} at Cap^{t} Hulet af^{d} and that Collonel Fanning the Gov^{rs} Secretary came with them. That the said Coll Fanning was well known to this Dep^{t} he having often seen him, and this Dep^{t} having been a mariner in Cap^{t} Hunter's ship which brought the Coll from England—That at first this Dep^{t} did not know Coll Fanning he being disguised in the Dress of a common Labouring Man—but on taking this Dep^{t} aside he made himself known to him, whereupon this Dep^{t} immeditaly recollected his Face and person—That he asked this Dep^{t} to go on Board with him. This Dep^{t} answered that he was too sick to go. That then the Coll told him that if he could not go then, he must come down when the Fleet arrived and that they would send this Dep^{t} a Letter to inform him of it—to which this Dep^{t} agreed.

That Coll Fanning told him New York was to be the seat of War—That some of the Fleet would run round into the Sound and land Troops on Long Island—That another division would land on the South Side and hoist the King's Standard, and that all the men that engaged to serve the King should come to Long Island and join them, and that Cannon was already provided in different Parts of Long Island, and that there were then three Field Piees and Mortar Piece under the Floor of the Barn of the s^{d} Simonson.

The s^{d} Coll Fanning also told this Dep^{t} that they should want him to pilot Vessels of War up the North River, and that the Savage, Phanix, and Shuldam (which he believes was formerly the Rhode Island Packet) were designed for that Service—

That the Coll desired this Dep^{t} to bring all the Provisions he could on Board the Ships, and that he should receive the following Prices for them viz^{t} five pounds a Barrell for salt Pork, a shilling per pound for Gammons, Eighteen pence p^{r} pound for Butter, and a good price for Fowls, Eggs &^{c}, and then gave this Dep^{t} a Paper (now delivered) with a Seal on it and the Letters W. T. on the Back of it, and told this Dep^{t} that it would serve him as a pass to go by all the Men of War & Cruisers unmolested.

That Coll Fanning further told this Dep^{t} that Absolom Bull af^{d} had inlisted a great many men and desired this Dep^{t} to do the like, but this Dep^{t} declined it—That this Dep^{t} knows John Clarke a painter—That he saw him in Town about a fortnight ago—That he told this Dep^{t} that he was going on Board the Ships and requested this Dep^{t} to go with him which this Dep^{t} refused. That he advised this Dep^{t} to engage to fight for the King, said the Americans would be beat.

That the af^{d} Absalom Bull this Spring Shew^{d} this Dep^{t} a List of Persons whom he had enlisted for the Kings Service. That the s^{d} Absolom told him there were two hundred names on it which this Dep^{t} really believed to be true, but this Dep^{t} does not remember the Names of any of them except Rich^{d} Bull, Alexander Seadden, James Seadden, Isaac Waugh, John Clark, the Painter af^{d}, Jewel Smith and one Seeley of a place in Orange County called oxford. That Absolom Bull af^{d} was to be a Cap^{t} and had a Commission for it from Gov^{r} Tryon which he shew^{d} to this Dep^{t} and that it was written on Parchment and a great seal hanging to it but That this Dep^{t} did not read it. The said Absalom Bull further said that all the men so inlisted for

the Kings Service were to join the Fleet when it arrived, and that all who did not would be treated as Deserters from the Kings Service.

his
JOHN x YATES.
mark.

Sworn y^e^ 24 June 1776 before us,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^R^ MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 364.]

To Cap^t^ ABEEL of Col^o^ Lashers Battallion.

SIR: Whereas ——— Simerson of the township of Hempstead in Queens County Inn Keeper stands charged with dangerous Designs and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of America and that for the Perpetration of such wicked Designs and Conspiracies he hath divers Cannon & other Impliments of war now concealed. We therefore by Virtue of the Power and authority unto us given by a resolve of the Congress of this Colony of the twentieth of June Instant do authorize and require you to cause to be apprehended and secured the said Simerson with all his Papers, and to make Search for & take all Cannon & other Implements of war whatsoever in his House Barn & outhouses, and that return be made to us of the manner in which this warrant shall be executed in order that the same may be made known to the said Congress.

Given under our Hands this 24^th^ June 1776.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 505.]

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK June 25^th^ 1776.

The Committe met pursuant to adjournment. *Present:* John Jay, Esq Chairman, Mr Philip Livingston, M^r^ Hobart, Col Graham, Mr Tredwell, Mr Morris, Mr Gansevoort. Mr Hobart & Col Graham reported a draft of a Warrant to be issued ag^st^ such persons of equivocal character as may neglect or refuse to appear on summons which being read amended was agreed to.

Examination & Bond of George Brewerton.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 523.]

George Brewerton, of the City of New York Esq., being examined, saith that he never was engaged in any design of enlisting men to serve the King against the Americans—nor was he otherwise acquainted with the existence of any such design except in the following manner:—Capt Benson about three weeks ago told the Ex^t^ he had heard that Gilbert Forbes was employed enlisting men for the Kings Service, and asked the Ex^t^ whether he knew any thing of it, that Ex^t^ told him he knew nothing of the matter, and that if Forbes had engaged in the business he was a fool. That the Ex^t^ afterwards asked Forbes about it, and told him if he enlisted any men in that way he did very wrong. That Forbes replied that there was nothing of it, and that he was not engaged in any such business. That this Dep^t^ instead of aiding the Ministerial Armies, has advised and pursuaded men to enlist in the Continental Service, and without being applied to by the Committee for that purpose, did dispose of 7 or 8 Firelocks to be employed in the defence of the American Cause, and would have remained in this City and assisted in defending it had it not been for the late riotous proceeding against persons suspected of being tories, under which suspicion Ex^t^ has fallen as he supposes from his refusing to sign the association of the Committee of Safety, to which he, as well as many other good friends to the cause refused to subscribe. That this Ex^t^ has signed the first association, and had no objection to signing the last in common with his fellow citizens. That about two weeks ago David Mathews, Esq., asked the Ex^t^ whether he knew Forbes, that the Dep^t^ said he knew most of the Forbes's; and asked Mr Mathews why—he said that he had an acc^t^ ag^t^ Gov. Tryon and that the Governor had sent money by him to pay Forbes. That the Ex^t^ then asked Mr

Mathews how the Gov. came to owe him money; he replied that he believed it was for Rifle Guns that he had sent him, on which the Ex^{t} observed that it must be Gilbert Forbes the Gunsmith, and that the Ex^{t} s^{d} he did not take him for such a fellow. Mr Mathews said that he was also much surprised, the Ex^{t} said he would speak to Forbes, that Ex^{t} afterwards saw Forbes and asked him whether he had an acc^{t} agst Gov. Tryon, to which he answered *no*. That Ex^{t} asked him if he had not sent things to the Gov — to which he said *no*, that Ex^{t} then s^{d} he thought he had heard the Mayor say he had rec^{d} money for him from Gov. Tryon. Forbes then confessed that the Gov. owed him money. The Ex^{t} then left him without further Questions. That some time afterward Ex^{t} rec^{d} a few lines from Mr Mayor with some money informing this Ex^{t} that he was going out of Town and requesting him to deliver it to Forbes, which Ex^{t} did. That this Ex^{t} does not remember that Mr Mayor desired him to pursuade Forbes from the prosecution of any designs agst America, but that this Ex^{t} did as af^{sd} of his own accord call upon Forbes and to dissuade him as above related. This Ex^{t} most solemnly declares that he never entertained or was concerned in any design whatever agst the Interest and safety of America. GEO. BREWERTON.

Taken before us the 25th June 1776.

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 390.]

Know all men by these Presents that We George Brewerton and Jacob Brewerton of the City of New York Esquires—are held and Firmly bound unto John Hearing Esquire President of the Congress of the Colony of New York in the sum of five hundred Pounds lawful money of the Colony of New York to be paid to the said John Hearing, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns For the payment whereof we do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally by these Presents. Sealed with our Seal and dated the twenty fifth Day of June 1776.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden George Brewerton shall upon reasonable notice unto him given or left at his usual Place of abode attend the Provincial Congress or a Committee of the said Congress at such Time & Place as he shall be required then the above Obligation to be void else to remain in Force. GEORGE BREWERTON, [L. S.]
JACOB BREWERTON. [L. S.]

Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of. The words *or left at his usual Place of abode* being first interlined between the second and third Lines of the Condition.

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 350; 394.]

Whereas George Brewerton Esq^{r} stood charged before us with being privy to certain dangerous Designs and treasonable Conspiracies against the Rights and Liberties of America and whereas after strict Inquiry into the Several Allegations against the said George Brewerton We are of opinion that the said Charge is not well founded.

We therefore in Justice to the said George Brewerton do hereby certify the same, and the said George Brewerton together with Jacob Brewerton have given Bond to the President of the Congress of this Colony for the appearance of him the said George Brewerton do dismiss him from all farther attendance upon us.

Given under our Hands the twenty fifth Day of June 1776.

To M^{r} WYNANT VAN ZANDT a Lieutenant in Collonel LASHER's Battalion.

Whereas Nicholas Connery of the City of New York Inn Keeper stands charged before us by the Oath of Hugh Stevenson with having sold to the said Hugh certain Quantities of Gun Powder, which there is great Reason to suspect the said Nicholas obtained from the Enemies of America & for the Purpose of injuring its Cause and

whereas it is represented to us that the said Nicholas is notoriously disaffected to the American Cause We do therefore in Pursuance of a certain Resolve of the Congress of the Colony of New York authorize & require you to apprehend the said Nicholas Connery, and make deligent search in his Dwelling House & other Buildings for Gun Powder & other Implements of War and the same in safe Custody to keep, and the said Nicholas forthwith to bring before us To the End that we may inquire into the Premisses & make such order in the Premisses as may be necessary and make your Return to us of the manner in which you shall execute this Warrant.

Given under our Hands this 25 Day of June 1776.

JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel Pap. 35: 519, 545, 549.]

City Hall, New York, June 26th 1776.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment, but for want of room adjourned to Scotts Tavern.

Present: Mr Phil Livingston, Mr Tredwell, Col. Graham, Mr Randall, Mr Gansevoort.

The Gentlemen present unanimously chose Leonard Gansevoort, Esq., Chairman *pro tempore.*

The Committee resumed the consideration of Doctor Samuel Martins case.

The proceedings of yesterday as to Mr Martin were read and the Committee resumed the question the determination whereof was postponed yesterday, and the same question was then put by the Chairman, and thereupon,

Resolved unanimously, That it is not necessary to remove Doctor Samuel Martin from the place of his present Residence, as there is not any proof offered or known to this Committee that he has broken the Condition of his Bond, given to the President of the Congress of this Colony on the 17th day of Feb'y last.

Resolved unanimously, That Doctor Martins Parole be taken that he will not directly or indirectly oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony, and that his parole together with the above mentioned Bond is sufficient security.

Doctor Martin was called in and signed a Copy of his parole which is in the words following, viz: I, Samuel Martin of far Rockaway etc. (prout) — a certified copy of which parole was given to the said Samuel Martin.

Mr Martin then requested that some certificate might be given to him to prevent his being molested by any person while his conduct shall be agreeable to his parole.

Thereupon a certificate was given to Mr Martin in the words following, viz:

In a Special Committee of the Congress of the Colony of New York, June 26th 1776.

Whereas Samuel Martin of far Rockaway in Hempstead, on Nassau Island, Physician, did on the 17th day of Feb'y last give Bond with security to the President of the Congress of this Colony with condition thereto to behave himself peaceably and make no opposition to the measures of the Continental Congress of the United Colonies or of the Congress of this Colony of New York, or to instigate others so to do. And whereas the said Samuel Martin also this day hath given his parole to the s^{d} Congress of this Colony that he will not directly or indirectly oppose or contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of this Colony.

It is hereby recommended to all Friends to the United Colonies, and to all other persons whomsoever not to molest, interrupt, or disturb the said Samuel Martin while he continues to fulfil the conditions of his said Bond and to observe and keep his parole of Honor.

Ordered that Summons do issue etc.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

I, James Mathews, Esq., of Orange County in the Colony of New York do most solemnly declare that the claims of the British Parliament to bind at their discretion the People of the United Colonies in America in all cases whatsoever, are in my opinion absurd, unjust and tyrannical, and that the hostile attempts of their fleets and Armies to enforce submission to those wicked and ridiculous claims ought to be resisted by arms. And therefore I do engage and associate under all the ties which I hold sacred to defend by arms these United Colonies against the said hostile attempts agreable to such laws and regulations as my representatives in the Congresses or future general assemblies of this Colony have or shall for that purpose make and establish. JAMES MATHEWS.

New York, 26th June 1776.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 396.]

Know all Men by these Presents that we James Mathews of Mathewsfield in the Precinct of Cornwall in Orange County Gentleman and Nathaniel Strong of Blooming Grove in the Precinct & County aforesaid Esqrs are held & firmly bound unto John Hearing Esqr President of the Congress of the Colony of New York in the Sum of five hundred pounds lawful money of New York to be paid to the said John Hearing his Executors administrators or assigns. For the payment of which Sum we do bind ourselves jointly & severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seal Dated the 26 Day of June 1776.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden James Mathews shall on reasonable Notice to him given or left at the usual Place of his abode attend the Congress of this Colony for the Time being or a Committee thereof thereunto duely authorized and appointed, and answer such Matters as may be alledged against him, and in the mean time shall neither directly or indirectly contravene or oppose the Measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony but on the contrary shall approve himself a good Friend to the american Cause then the above obligation shall be void otherwise remain in full Force & Virtue. JAMES MATHEWS,

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of NATH^L STRONG.
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
GOUV^R MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 404.]

Israel Youngs being sworn saith that when he was first put in the Goal of this City viz^t about six weeks ago, he was confined there in the same Room with Thomas Vernom of the City of New York Hatter. That The s^d Th^s asked this Dep^t where he came from. Dep^t told him he was born & brought up in Queens County, he asked this Dep^t if he knew John Hulet & Rich^d Hulet — Dep^t said he did, particularly John for Dep^ts brother had married his Daughter. That the said Vernom thereupon spoke very freely to this Dep^t on the subject of Politics — & said he^d be damned if the Fleet did not come soon and let them all out — he confessed to this Dep^t that he had several Times been on Board the Dutchess of Gordon where he had seen Rich^d Hulet & Th^s Cornel that he had also seen Gov^r Tryon often and that Gov^r would talk very free with them. That they had on Board a number of Rivingtons Types & one of his printers — That he had written a Letter to the Gov^r the Monday before for money and that he expected the next Day to receive it — That the next Day the s^d Thomas rec^d a Letter which he said was from the Gov^r and also some water work money which he s^d they counterfeited on Board the Dutchess and he himself had seen them printing it off — That they had a Chest of it — This Dep^t says that the money af^d resembled the said water work money so much that he sh^d have taken it for genuine but that the paper seemed to be rather thicker. the s^d Vernom further told this Dep^t that he kept a Pettianger and she used to go after sand and so he got on Board the Dutches and this Dep^t further saith that the s^d Vernom told him they were inlisting men in the Kings Service and that a Capt in Coll M Dugalls Reg^t whose name this Dep^t cannot recollect had a Com^n from Gov^r Tryon for that purpose — That a man whom the s^d Vernom told this Dep^t was the s^d Cap^t came

one Day to the Door of the Room in which this Dep^{t} and the s^{d} Vernom were confined, and conversed with the s^{d} Vernom thro the Hole of the Door but this Dep^{t} did not overhear them. That when he went away Vernom told this Dep^{t} that was the Cap^{t} who was inlisting men for Gov^{r} Tryon, and that he had got an hundred — The said Vernon also told this Dep^{t} that he had by Gov^{r} Tryon's orders engaged with Dawkins an Engraver who had been taken up on a Charge of counterfeiting money, to go on Board the Dutches & cut money Plates for the Gov^{r} and that the Gov^{r} was to give the s^{d} Dawkins a hundred pound for his Trouble, and that the s^{d} Vernon was to have carried him on Board had not Dawkins got drunk and told that the s^{d} Vernon was going to carry him on Board, which being made known to him the s^{d} Vernom, he was afraid to attempt carrying him off at the time appointed, and that Dawkins immediately after disappeared — The s^{d} Vernon further told this Dep^{t} that he was in Goal with Dawkins before, That Dawkins left his Chest open and that he Vernon intending to take something out of his Chest & make him treat him for giving it to him again, opened the Chest and found in it a Plate to strike Pensylvania money and kept it near a week that Dawkins when he missed it was very uneasy and that the s^{d} Vernom again delivered it to him.

This Dep^{t} further says that when Thomas Hickey and Michal Lynch of the Generals Guards were apprehended for money making they were confined in the same Room with this Dep^{t} that they cursed and swore a great deal and damn^{d} themselves if they would ever fight any more for America. That this Dep^{t} talked Tory with them, and by that means they came to confide in him. That Hickey & Lynch s^{d} there were near seven hundred men inlisted for the King and that the night before the Fleet arrived they were to have notice of it that they were to repair towards Kings Bridge and join them — and that some of the Fleet were to go up the North River and another Party up the East River and so surround the Island. Dep^{t} understood from them that they were both inlisted and their names sent on Board the Man of War. They also said that the army was very corrupt and spoke very slightly of Coll M^{c}Dougalls Reg^{t} That when the news came to their Room that the Plot was discovered and that the Congress had taken up some of them, the s^{d} Hickey & Lynch seemed to be a good Deal uneasy, but they comforted themselves in this — Lynch said they had not got his name for it was gone on Board the Man of War, and Hickey s^{d} if they had got his name it was not of his writing and therefore neither of them could be hurt. Lynch further s^{d} that if the Guards came to be a little thinner he would make his Escape thro the Windows.

ISRAEL YOUNG.

Sworn, 26 Day of June 1776.
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 517, 527.]

City of New York *ss.*

James Campbell & Alexander Anderson being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelists do depose that they together with Michael Tremper & Abraham Brower somewhere about the second or third days of May were in Company at the house of Mr. Ellsworth at Paules Hook, that while there John Taylor came in & after calling for wine and pressing them to drink pulled out a good many bills, declaring that he had then Five Hundred Pounds about him which he had received for lands sold by him in Morris County. that he had been up there twice before & received in all upwards of seventeen hundred Pounds & that he expected to go up again & receive more. that these deponents were much suprised to hear the said Taylor make such declarations as they took him to be in low circumstances & knew him to be a man of infamous character — That the said Taylor was then armed with Pistols & a Cutlass & gave as a reason for carrying those Arms that he was afraid of being insulted upon the road, & the said James Campbell further saith that he beleives the said John Taylor to be greatly disaffected to the American Cause as the said Taylor is intimate

with Gilbert Forbes & others of the like stamp and further he saith that at the time above mentioned the said John Taylor pulled out a Purse in which was Gold & Silver about three Inches deep & three or four Inches Diameter and further these deponents or either of them say not.

JAMES CAMPBELL,
ALEX^{R} ANDERSON.

Sworn before us the 26th day of June 1776:
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

Know all men by these presents that we Alexander Fortune of the City of New York Tanner & Alexander Robertson of the same place Mercht are held & firmly bound unto John Haring Esq President of the Congress of the Colony of New York in the sum of five hundred Pounds lawful money of New York, to be paid to the said John Haring, his executors administrators or assigns For the payment of which sum we do bind ourselves jointly & severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals Dated the 26th day of June 1776.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Alexander Fortune shall on reasonable notice to him given or left at the usual place of his abode attend the Congress of this Colony for the time being or a Committee thereof thereunto duly authorized & appointed and answer such matters as may be alledged against him, & in the mean time shall neither directly or indirectly contravene or oppose the measures of the Continental Congress or the Congress of this Colony but on the contrary shall approve himself a good friend to the American Cause then the above obligation shall be void and otherwise remain in force.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of
PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY.

ALEX^{R} FORTUNE,
ALEXANDER ROBERTSON.

Similar Bond of John Taylor.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 485.]

THURSDAY, A. M., June 27th 1776.

The Committee met at the City Hall in the Council Chamber pursuent to adjournment,

Present: Leonard Gansevoort, Esq^{r} Chairman *pro tempore*, Mr Livingston, Mr Randall, Mr Morris, Col Graham, Mr Tredwell.

Mr Axtell attending according to the order of this Committee of the 24th inst. was called in. He says that he is of the same opinion that he was the last time he was before this Committee as to the signing of the parole which was offered to him, as his signing that parole might be construed on the other side of the water an Overt act and made use of to forfeit his Estate there. Mr Axtell further says that he is ready to give his parole not to take any active part against this country, or do any thing inconsistant with the duties of a good citizen.

Mr Axtell at the request of the Committee withdrew.

The Committee then took Mr Axtells particular case into consideration, and after some time spent therein, the Committee agreed that the particular situation of Mr Axtells Estate and property is such as in the opinion of this Committee requires a particular provision in his case which is not in the power of this Committee to make. That therefore this Committee will state his case (concealing his name) to the Congress of this Colony for their direction in the premisses and in the meantime discharge Mr Axtell on his parole to attend this Committee on receipt of a letter or notice to that purpose.

Mr Axtell was called in and informed of the present determination of the Committee and promised to the Committee to attend them again at any time on request. Mr Axtell then farther offered to the Committee if it was tho't necessary that he should remove from his present place of Residence, he was very ready to remove with his family up Hudson River or to any other county in the Colony, and to have limits assigned to him, but that it would be disagreeable to him to remove out of the

Colony. Mr Axtell further says that if all the Estates he was possessed of was in the America only he would not hesitate to determine the matter and fully express his sentiments which in his opinion was not proper for him to do in his present situation.

Ordered, That summonses issue against the following persons of equivocal character returnable on Saturday the 29th inst. at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, viz^{t}: Charles Nicoll, Donald M^{c}Clean and Peter Graham, which said summonses signed by all the members present as af^{d} were delivered to the Secretary with directions to give them to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That summonses issue against the following persons as inimical to the Cause and rights of America, returnable on Monday the first day of July next at ten o'clock in the morning of that day, viz: Theopilact Bache, Charles Arden, John Moore, Sen^{r} and Benjamin Williams, which said summonses signed by all the members present as af^{d} were delivered to the Secretary with directions to give them to a messenger to be served.

Ordered, That summonses issue against the following persons as inimical to the Cause and rights of America, returnable on Wednesday the third day of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, viz: Frederick Philipse and Samuel Merritt, which said summonses signed by all the members present af^{d} were delivered to the Secretary with directions to deliver them to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That a summons be issued to Richard Morris, Esq., as a person of equivocal character, returnable on Wednesday the third day of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said summons signed by all the members present as af^{d} was delivered to the Secretary with directions to deliver it to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That a summons be issued to Solomon Fowler as a person of equivocal character, returnable on Thursday the fourth day of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day which said summons signed by all the members present as af^{d} was delivered to the Secretary with directions to deliver it to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That summonses issue against the following persons as inimical to the Cause and rights of America, returnable on Thursday the said fourth of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, viz: Nath^{l} Underhill, James Horton, Jun., and William Sutton, which said summonses signed by all the members present as af^{d} were delivered to the Secretary with directions to deliver them to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That summonses be issued the following persons as inimical to the Cause and rights of America, returnable on Fryday the fifth day of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, viz: Peter Corne and Peter Huggeford which said summons signed by all the members present as af^{d} was delivered to the Secretary with directions to deliver them to the messenger to be served.

Ordered, That summonses issue agst the following persons as inimical to the cause & rights of America returnable on Saturday the 6th day of July next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day Viz: William Barker, Joshua Purdy & Absalom Gridney—which s'd sm's signed by all the members present as aforesaid were delivered to the secretary with directions to be deliverd to the messenger to be served.

Lastly *ordered*, That a summons be issued to the Honbl W^{m} Smith as a person of equivocal character returnable on Saturday the 6th day of July next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon of the same day which s^{d} summons signed by all the members present as aforesaid was delivered to the secretary with directions to deliver it to the mes senger to be served.

Ordered, That the Secretary prepare a state of the case of W^{m} Axtell Esq (but concealing his name) to be laid before the Congress of this Colony for their direction in the premises.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow Morning.

A Case stated by the Committee appointed by the Congress of this Colony to carry into Execution their Resolutions of the 5th day of June Instant relative to persons inimical to the Cause and Rights of America and those of equivocal Character.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 308.]

A. B. holding an Honorary Office from the King of Great Britain and being a Gentleman of Fortune was summoned to appear before your Committee and appeared at the Time and place for that purpose appointed.

On his appearance before your said Committee the Chairman informed him of the Resolutions of this Congress as to persons of Equivocal Character; and desired him to give Evidence of his being a Friend to the American Cause—The Gentleman appealed to the uniform Tenor of his Conduct which he said had never been unfriendly to this Country—Being then asked whether he approved of the American opposition, he replyed that he did not of the whole, and signified a disapprobation of the Canada Expedition—On being asked whether the parliam^{t} of Great Britain in his opinion have a Right to bind these Colonies in all cases whatever; he said in his opinion they had not and he fully approved of the first part of the association Resolved on by this Congress on the Twentieth day of June Instant—On Being asked whether a resistance by arms to the Hostile attempts of the British Fleet and armies to enforce & Execute their claims and demands was Justifiable? He declined to give an answer but declared that the Bulk of his Fortune was in Great Britain & the West Indies & that he did not mean to take an active part on either side.

Your Committee thereupon Resolved that he is not such a Friend to the American Cause as is described in your said Resolutions of the fifth Instant That his removal from his present place of Residence was unnecessary; and that his parole in the words directed by your said Resolutions was sufficient security.

The Gentleman assigned objections to give this parole and said he would submit to such disposition of him as your Committee should make. He thereupon had two days allowed him to Consider of the said parole at which time he returned to your said Committee.

On his return to your Committee the Gentleman was of the same opinion as before and said he could not consent to give his parole "not to oppose or Contravene the measures of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of this Colony," as his giving or signing such parole might in his apprehension be construed on the other side of the Water to be an Overt act, and made use of to forfeit his Estates there.

The Gentleman offered to your Committee to give his parole not to take an active part against this Country, or do anything in Consistant with the duty of a good citizen.

He farther voluntarily offered that if it was tho't necessary that he should remove from his present place of Residence, he was willing to remove with his family to any County in the Colony, and to have Limits assigned to him, but intimated that it would be disagreable to him to remove out of the Colony.

He also informed your Committee that if his whole Estate was in American Colonies only, he would not hesitate to determine the matter, and fully express his Sentiments; which in his opinion it is not proper for him to do in the present situation of his affairs.

Your Committee believe the Gentleman to be a man of High Honor and Integrity, and have not the least Doubt but that any Parole which he will consent to give, he will hold Sacred and perform; and he is to attend your Committee again on Notice. But in the Execution of the said Resolves they have now no alternative but a Warrant and force against the Gentleman and Confinem^{t}. The policy of this measure Your Committee Submits to Congress, and request their Directions in the premisses.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 507.]

Mr. Frederick Rhilander:

Whereas by certain Resolutions of the Congress of the Colony of New York, of the fifth day of June Inst, We the Committee of the said Congress, were authorized and required to summon certain persons, whose conduct has been represented

to the said Congress as inimical to the Cause and rights of America, of which number you are one, to appear before us at such time and place as we might think proper then and there to answer to such Matters and Things as should be alledged against them, and to show cause, if any they have, why they should be considered as Friends to the American Cause.

We do therefore in pursuance of the Trust reposed in us by the said Resolutions, summon you to appear before us for the purposes aforesaid at the City Hall of the City of New York on ——— the ——— day of ——— at ——— of the clock in the ——— noon of the same day.

Dated this twenty-seventh Day of June 1776.

Same to Christopher Benson, John Woods, James Coggeshall, and Samuel Burling.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 472, 474, 476.]

Bond of Thomas Moore to appear and answer any charge against him, 27 June 1776.

THOMAS W. MOORE,
ARCHIBALD MERCER.

Bond of Augustus Van Horne to appear and answer any charge against him, 27 day June 1776.

AUG. VAN HORNE,
THO^{S} RANDALL.

Bond of Vincent P. Ashfield to appear and answer any charge against him, 27 day June 1776.

V. PEARSE ASHFIELD,
GOUV^{R} MORRIS.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 430.]

To Coll^{o} William Allison.

Whereas it is represented to us that David Baulding of Bergen County in New Jersey, but now in the City of New York, can give very useful and important intelligence respecting the late discovered Conspiracy against the Rights and Liberties of America.

We do therefore in Pursuance of a Resolve of the Congress of this Colony, authorize and request you to bring the said David Baulding forthwith before us, That he may be examined touching the said Conspiracy.

Given under our Hand this 29 June 1776.

PHIL LIVINGSTON,
JOHN JAY.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 402.]

The Information of M^{r} David Baldin, Saith he has had Reasons for some time past to believe there was a Correspondance kept up by the people of Rampo and the men of war as well from the temper of the people as from many Words Dropt from time to time he says that about the 17th Ins^{t} he told that Lawrence Van Bushkirk the Miller at Rampo, abraham Van boskerk and a Schoolmaster & Thomas Van Boskirk at Saddle River was going on Board the Man of War that something prevented all but the School Master who he veryly Beleives did go & that there is one Peter Van Bushkirk Living at or near the hook or mouth of the Kills in Bargain County who its frequently said has followed trading with the men of war who he has Reason to believe Carrys people on Board when Ever Requested, and has a sufficient Craft for that purpose, and that this Informant Came to New York on purpose to let it be known that on his way he stoped at Erlses in Bargain woods where he was Drinking toddy in Company with Francis Steephens Late a Resident of this City who took him the said baldin to be freindly to the tory side when said Stephens told Baldin that there was 50 Sale of Kings Ships near the hook and that there would soon be 150 Sail to New York that Erls said that knews Came from on board the Man of War this Week that Stephens Charged the Informant not to mention it to some certain freind of his in New York.

Sworn the 29 June 1776 Before us:

Phil Livingston,
John Jay.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 420, 426.]

Gilbert Forbes being again examined further saith That he knows one ——— Silk, that he was left by Cap^{t} Arden to wait upon his wife who lives on Long Island some where near Hempstead, That he is often in Town, frequently at M^{rs} Airys and M^{rs} Brandon—has the air of a Soldier—wears a short brown hunting Coat & a double breasted Jacket of the same Color—That he used to wait on a M^{r} Miller who lives or lodges in M^{r} Gouverneurs House on Rotten Row—That Sergeant Graham an old Soldier discharged from the Royal Artillery was employed by Gov^{r} Tryon to speak to Ex^{t} about enlisting men for the Kings Service & told this Ex^{t} from the Gov^{r} that if this Ex^{t} exerted him self in that Business & raised a number of men he sh^{d} have a Comp^{y}.

That the s^{d} serjeant also informed him that at the request of the Gov^{r} he had surveyed the ground & work about this City and on Long Island, in Consequence of which he had concerted a Plan for an attack which he had given to Gov^{r} Tryon & of which the Gov^{r} approved—which was as follows viz^{t}—That the Man of War should cannonade the Battery at Red Hook & while that was doing a Detachment of the army with some Cannon &^{c} should land below or ab^{t} Red Hoock and march round so as to come upon the Back of the Batterry near Swederlands House, that a small part of the Detachment sh^{d} make a Feint of marching up the road leading directly to the Battery, but that the main body were to make a circuitous march so as to reach the Battery while our attention was engaged by the Feint as^{d}—That if they carred that Battery which they expected to take by storm, they were immediately to attack the Battery on the Hill near the Ferry which the serjeant said would be easily done as no ambrazures were made or cannon fixed on the back side of it—That this latter Battery when in their possession would command the works on the Governors Island which they would keep between two Fires viz^{t} the Battery last mentioned on one side and the shipping on the other—That then the shipping with the Remainder of the army were to devide, one division was to run up the North River & land at or about Clearke's Farm, and march directly to Enclenbergh Hill and fortify there—The other Division was to run up the East River and land in such manner as to gain a Footing on Jones Hill from whence they expected to command & silence the Battery on Bayards Hill—That should they gain possession of the Places above mentioned, their next object would be the Grounds adjacent to Kings Bridge where they intend to erect strong works so as to cut off the Communication between the City & Country.

Gilbert Forbes being further Ex^{d} saith That sometime before the Men of War removed from the Town to the narrows one webb a Burr millstone maker told Ex^{t} that if he had any Riffles to sell he might get a good Price for them by sending them on Board the Man of War, and that a young man who lived with James Rivington told him the same—That this Ex^{t} had then nine Riffles which he made, but they were bad and would not shoot straight, and Eleven smooth narrow bored Guns. That he sent some of them to one M^{rs} Becks a Tavern Keeper near the Fly Market with orders to send them on Board which she accordingly Did and that the s^{d} Webb carried the Remainder—That the s^{d} Webb told this Ex^{t} that Gov^{r} Tryon would give him three Guineas a piece for them—That at the Time when an Exchange of Prisoners took Place with the Man of War & Tiley was among others exchanged the Mayor viz^{t} David Matthews Esq^{r} sent for this Ex^{t} & told him he was going on Board the Gov^{rs} ship and that he would get the money due from the Gov^{r} to this Ex^{t} for the Riffles af^{d}—That on his Return the Mayor told Ex^{t} he would pay him in a few days—That this Ex^{t} never did receive any money from him for the s^{d} fire arms—That this Ex^{t} told Ch^{r} Benson that he was about enlisting men for the King & that he told this Ex^{t} it would do. GILBERT FORBES.

Ex^{d} by & before me this 29 June 1776.

PHIL LIVINGSTON.

List of Prisoners sent by Lt.-Col. Crary.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 341.]

Joseph Dorlant, } from Jamaica Goal.
John Hutchins, }

John Carman, Rec[d] powder and absconded in the Woods.
Andrew Allen, Disaffected Parson, taken in the Woods.
Jacob Lamberson, found with his gun charged.
Benj[n] Pedet, In the Swamp in the fight & had Powder from Man of War.
Ezekiel Rainer, In the Woods hid.
Rich[d] Smith, In the Swamp Battle & had powder from Asia.
Jeremiah Bedle, A Disaffected Parson.
Dan[l] Smith, In the Swamp Battle.
Elija Rainer, Hid in the Swamp.
Joseph Bedle, Same Disaffected Person.
Nathan Smith, Rec[d] Powder from the Asia, absconded in the woods & appeared to know much of the scheme.
Toundsend Weicks, A Dam'd Rascall & y[e] Greatest Tory.

W[m] M[c]Coon,
Tho[s] Fleet,
John Fleet,
Peter Wheaber,
Sam[l] Tounsend,

} Declared they would sooner fight for the King than the Congress and totally Deny the Authority of that Body.

James Cogshall, Gun stealer or Informer from Newport.
Henry Dearling, Said Gen[l] Washington was more Concern'd in the Conspiracy than any one.
Hamstead, June 29[th] 1776.
To Brigadier Gen[l] Greene, Head Q[rs] Long Island.

List of prisoners in the City Hall, New York, July 12[th] 1776.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 490.]

James Nash, Disch[d] Cert.
W[m] Corbey, disch[d] Security.
Joseph Handforth, disch[d] Cert.
George Burke, disch[d] Scur. Cert.
W[m] Hanner, disch[d] Cert.
Michael Lynch, Committed.
Anthony Clark, discharged.
John Clark, committed.
John Barnes, committed.
W[m] Green, committed.
James Johnson, committed.
Larry Fragey, committed.
Stephen Reves, disch[d] Cert.
Thomas Byron, disch[d]
Robert Lightgow, disch[d]
Sam[l] Mallows, disch[d]
Henry Little, disch[d]
Henry Dawkins, committed.
James Mason, committed.
Thomas Roach, Disch[d] Cert.
John Alner, disch[d]
Thomas Fletcher, committed.
Isaac Youngs, committed.
Isaac Ketchum, disch[d]
Jacob Tyley, ————.
John Lewis, disch[d]
Robert Steel, disch[d]

List of Prisoners in the New Goal.

David Matthews, Esq[r]
James Coggeshall, disch[d] Parole.
Balthazar Creames, referred to Gen[l] Committee.
Joseph Blanshard, disch[d]
Thomas Fleet, referred to Gen[l] Committee.
John Fleet disch[d] gave Cert.
Elijah Reiner, disch[d] gave Cert.
Jacob Lambertson, disch[d] gave Cert.
Daniel Smith, disch[d] gave Cert.
Richard Smith, disch[d] gave Cert.
Nath[l] Smith, disch[d] gave Cert.
John Carman, disch[d] gave Cert.
Joseph Deviland, disch[d] gave Cert.
Ezekiel Reiner, disch[d]
Townsend Weeks, disch[d].
Thomas Coyne, Committed close Custody.
Gilbert Forbes.
W[m] Forbes.
Ryner Van Hoose, committed.
Jonathan Baker, committed.
Thomas Varnom, committed.
Azor Betts, disch[d] gave Bond.
Steven Fountain, discharged.
Ebinezer Scribner, discharged.
George Watts, committed.
Nath[l] Gyer, committed.
Lazers Gyer, committed.
William Black, ref[d] to N. Y. Committee.

Andrew Allen, disch^{d} gave Cert.
Joseph Biddle, disch^{d} gave Cert.
William M^{c}Coon, disch^{d} gave Cert.
Samuel Townsand, disch^{d}
Peter Wheeler, disch^{d} gave Cert.
John Hutchans, disch^{d}
Benjamin Pettet, disch^{d} gave Cert.
Henry Darling, ref^{d} to Committee.
John Turner, Do.
Israel Youngs.
Jacob Lone, Committed.
William Douglass, committed.
Jeremiah Gille, disch^{d}
Coenrad Hendricks, committed.
John Burns, ref^{d} to Com^{e} of the city of N. Y.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 591, 593.]

1776: Summons to John Harris Cruger, Esq., and George Folliott to appear before the Committee to show cause why they should not be considered enemies to the American Cause.

Address of the Provincial Congress to the Inhabitants of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 486.]

The Congress being informed that a Report has prevailed that they intend to put the Independent Companies in this City on half pay, are apprehensive it may discourage many who now belong to those Companies from enlisting in the public Service, and think it proper to remove this impediment by Declaring that they have no such Design in Contemplation, and they do earnestly recommend it to those Able Bodied men who have a Design to enlist in the Service to be expeditious in doing it lest we may be drove to the necessity of procuring men from the neighbouring Colonies, which would be not only dishonourable to the Province, but become a great Injury to its Poor; we therefore address you with full confidence that you will shew a becoming Spirit on this occasion, and we observe that as the Time is approaching when probably the Poor will be deprived of the means of a comfortable Subsistence, those able Bodied men who shall decline enlisting in the Service must be the last who can expect to be Relieved by the hand of Public Charity, and this Congress further declare, that at this alarming time of Public Danger, when every thing near and dear to us is at stake, it is the Duty of every good Citizen to encourage the Inlistment of our Troops, and we shall Consider all who discourage it to be unfriendly to the Interests of their Country.

Report of Committee on Petition of Artificers and Shipwrights.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 327.]

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abner Baldwin and eleven others on behalf of themselves and their Several Companies of Artificers, praying an addition of half a ration to their present allowance. And also the Petition of George Peek in behalf of himself and the Body of Machanicks praying an addition to their wages — Do report: That the prayer of said Petition of Abner Baldwin and eleven others ought to be Granted —

And your Committee do further report that they have had a conferrence with Robert Hatton, Foreman of the Shipwrights, and the aforesaid George Peek in behalf of himself and the rest of the Journey Men Shipwrights. In the course of which conferrence the said Robert Hatton proposed that an allowance of 14s and one half pint of Rum per Day ought to be allowed him for his future Service. And the said George Peek for himself and the rest of the Machanicks propose that an allowance of 11s and one half pint of Rum for each Man per Day ought to be allowed them for their future Service. Your Committee Do further Report that the said Robert Hatton and George Peek requested if the aforesaid Terms should not meet the approbation of the Committee, that they would be pleased to furnish them the said Robert Hatton and George Peek with their Proposals.

Your Committee are of opinion that their* Present wages together with the allowance of one and a half Ration for each man per day is an adequate Compensation for their Labour and ought to be continued.

All of which is nevertheless humbly Submitted.

Petition of Isaac Ketcham.

[Petitions, 33: 197.]

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the Provincial Congress of New York.

The Petition of Isaac Ketcham Humbly Begeth the Consideration of this Honorable house, In Regard to a purposual made unto your humble petitioner by the Honorable Speaker of this house on the fourteen day of June Last which I dont doubt but part of the membars of this house are sensible of which I undertook to trace the matter of which I had some Idee, and whether I suckseed or not I took it for grant after a finel agreement that Liberty was depending, as that is one Branch of our teex, however with the help of define Providence I suckseeded in the undertaking, thow not Expecting to B called as a Publick Evidence and theare to Declare what I gethered from a parson one month by Laying sceams and useing arguments to get it from him, which was a considerable shok of conscince, thow it being in the glorus cause of America which gives satisfaction on the next thought thow I have a fear I am Detained to be brought in as Evidence, But I must Refuse if so called, as I think it hardly useg as I have layed myself Leyable to all the enemise of America, as I have a double chance whether we are over com or not, as we have a large party of these kind of Friends in the Country and not far from my habitation as I am very senceble of my adversers by Reason of oure friendship being broken six or Eight month agon on acount of the conteste.

Your humble Petition sencearly Begs yon would consider his circumstance as he hath faithfully accomplished and Discharged the trust Reposed in him as I hope it will appear to every member of this honorable house, as your humble Petition ever stand in Duty bound to obeay every Resolve of this Honorable house, and to the Protection of the Continental Army.

Your Petition humbly begs that justus may be shewed him in Regard to a small sum of money and sum peapers taken by Capt. Wool as I hope it will apear right and equitable in the sight of every member of this house, that your humble Petition should have his property Returned and Discharge from Confindment, and your Petition ever is in duty bound to searve, God bless the Congress in all theayr Lawfull interprises. ISAAC KETCHAM.

July 1st 1776.

Petition of the Inhabitants of Cherry Valley, etc.

[Petitions, 33: 215.]

To the Honourable Members of the Provincial Congress of New York.

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Cherry Valley, New Town Martin and Springfield in the County of Tryon, Humbly Sheweth,

That we the aforesaid Inhabitants, from the most authentic Inteligence we have received from our Missionaries and Indian friends, Learn that we are in Eminent

* From this mark to the end is crossed in the Original, but the paper does not seem complete without it.

danger of being cutt off by the Savages our Enemies, whom we understand are Bribed by Sir John Johnston and Colonel Butler to Execute the same, Know also, Honourable Gentlemen that the Spirit of our Inhabitants has been such for the American cause, that out of the small & Scattered Bounds of Cherry Valley & New Town Martin, no less than Thirty three has turned out for Immediate service and good of their Country, and thereby left us in a defenceless condition. We therefore your Humble Petitioners, Humbly pray you would Forthwith take this our deplorable and distressed State and condition under your Immediate consideration, and meditate some speedy relief for us, before it be too late; Especially as the Inhabitants of the old England District and Unadalla are daily flying into our settlement; so that we shall immediately in all appearance become an open defenceless and unguarded Frontier, and very much exposed to the Insults of the Enemy, especially Scalping parties, and are at present without either ammunition or men, any way sufficient to Defend ourselves, and unless you Gentlemen, that can help us will help us, by sending ammunition to the Inhabitants, and a sufficient number of men, such as you may think proper to guard our Frontiers, we must expect to fall victims to the rage & Fury of our mercilless Enemies, and therefore must once more beg you may take this our Deplorable circumstances under your consideration, and send us immediate relief; And your Petitioners shall Ever pray.

Dated at Cherry Valley, 1st July 1776.

SAM[L] DUNLOP, A.M. & V. D. M.
SAM[L] CAMPBELL, Major.
JAMES SCOTT,
ROBERT WELLS,
JAMES RICHEY,
JAMES MOORE,
SAM[L] CLYDE, Capt[n]

Signed in the Name & by order of the above Inhabitants.

Resolution of the Congress of New Jersey.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 43.]

In Provincial Congress New Jersey, Burlington, July 3[d] 1776.

Ordered that the Provincial Congress of New York be empowered to apprehend and secure such of the Inhabitants of that Colony who have removed into this as they may think necessary for the public Good and all Persons within this Colony are desired to aid and assist in the execution of such orders for that Purpose as they may think proper to make.

Ordered that Stephen Crane, Lewis Ogden and Caleb Camp be a secret committee to Correspond and co-operate with the Secret Committee of the Provincial Congress of New York; And that the said Committee be vested with Power to Issue Warrants and apprehend and Confine such Person or Persons as they may think necessary for the Publick Good. Extract from the Minutes:

W[M] PATTERSON, *Sec.*

Petition of Peter S. Curtenius and Others.

[Petitions, 33: 266.]

To the Honourable the Convention for the City & Province of New York.

The Petition of the Subscribers humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners with some others were appointed and acted as a Committee of Inspection to prevent goods being brought into this Province (Contrary to the Non Importation agreements Entered into by the Merchants of this City) in June 1770, about which time a certain David Hill was Detected vending goods which he had brought from Rhode Island, Providence, in this City contrary to the said Non Importation agreement and a number of the Inhabitants with some of the Com-

mittee advised him to store the goods in the house of Jonas Platt and to come before the Committee and give an account of what he had done which he promised and stored the goods accordingly; but the following Night some persons to your Petitioners unknown, took the goods from the said Platt's and Destroyed them, and some time after that the said David Hill Commenct an action at Providence in Rhode Island Government against the Committee here not only those that were with him and advised him to store the goods but the others also, and by the Extraordinary Conduct of the Court there obtain'd a verdict against the Members of the Committee Generally and levied Execution for the same on Lands in that Colony belonging to an Individuall of the Committee and one who never had spoke to Hill about his goods for which (after his having in vain apply'd to the Rhode Island Assembly for a Redress and a Rehearing which said Governor Hopkins and his Party prevented) he was forced to pay in August 1772 the sum of £462 0s. 1d., Including charges for Defence and application to the Assembly, which sum with the Interest thereon since and a second sum recovered by Hill for Damages on a Prosecution commenced at Rhode Island against him and some charges paid in Defending a suit brought by one Jarvis Elam on a like Case amounts as per account herewith annext to £613 0s. 9d. New York Currency, a sum too large for an Individuall thus unjustly to suffer and loose for serving the Publick or even for the Members of that Committee to pay. The copies of the proceedings in those Extraordinary Tryals, we also herewith send you, and as the Committee tho' appointed by this City and County acted for the good of the Province in Generall in Defence against the arbitrary Parliamentary Taxes, we think your Honourable Board the proper place to apply to for Redress, and do therefore Request you will be pleased to take the case into consideration and make the suffering Individuall such satisfaction as the Nature of the case requires. And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever pray, &c

Peter S. Curtenius,	John Broome,	Huyb^{t} V. Wagenen,
Thomas W. Moore,	Edward Laight,	Isaac Low,
Joseph Bull,	Thomas Franklin,	Jacob Watson,
Isaac Sears,	John Murray,	Theophylact Bache,
Henry Remsen,	John Thurman Jun^{r}	Thod^{r} Van Wyck.

The Committee for Inspection To Walter Franklin,

Paid in Suit Hill—

Fees to Brenton & Simpson, Inferiour Court,	£6	8	
In Supreme Court,	3	4	
In do charges Jury & fee to Brenton,	6	16	
Paid Vernon & Simpson, fees at Assembly,	6	10	
Paid D. Tillinghurst, Copies of Proceedings,	2	0	
Paid for Petition, &c.,	0	17	
Paid Expenses to Rhode Island, Providence, &c., June 1772	18	10	
Paid Do in August in order to obtain a Rehearing before the Assembly,	12	10	
Paid Execution 28th August, 1772,	405	5	1
	£462	0	1

To Interest on the above from September first 1772 to Feb^{y} first 1776 is 40 Months comes to,	107	16	
Hill was arrested in order to bring on a new Tryall which could not be done and he Recovered for Damages thereon £16. Lawfull,	21	6	8
Paid charges on that Case,	9	18	0
Paid charges in Defending a suit bro't by Jarvis Elam for goods he had come into this city which for fear of the Populace the Coasters would not carry more than Recover'd of him about,			
	£613	0	9

Census of Suffolk County, 1776.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 591; Mil. Com. 25: 155, 700, 714, 721, 724, 780, 782, 788, 790.]

Ye Names of the Heads of Famalies on Shelter Island.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Thomas Dering,	1	2	1	2	1	4	1
Nicoll Havens,	..	1	1	5	4	8	6
Daniel Brown,	1	1	..	1	0	1	1
W^{m} Nicoll,	..	1	1	1	..	7	3
James Havens,	..	2	4	1	3	..	..
William Havens,	1	2	1	1	1	..	..
Thomas Conkling,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Obediah Havens,	..	4	..	3	3	1	1
Joel Bowditch,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Samuel Case,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..
Abraham Parker,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
Benjamin Sawyer,	..	3	3	2	2	..	..
Moses Sawyer,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Samuel Case, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Phinehas Parker,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Thomas Conkling, Jun^{r},	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Walter Havens,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
John Bowditch,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Thomas Harlow,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
David Conking,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Noah Terry,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
William Havens, Jr.	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
William Brown,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Moses Horton,	1	..	1	1	2	..	..
Deliverance Pain,	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
George Daval,	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
John Daval,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Total,	11	29	29	40	32	21	12

Capt. Sam^{ll} Case appeared before me and made oath to the within list that it contained a true & faithfull account of the number of inhabitants of the Township of Shelter Island. THOM^{s} DERING, *Chairman Town Committee.*

Names of heads of families in the Manor of S^{t} George and pattentship of Meritches. Taken by me Benj Havens.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Males & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
W^{m} Smith,	1	1	2	2	4	6	2
Josiah Smith,	1	..	1	3	0	7	..
Mathew Smith,	1	..	2	3	1	4	3

Manor of St. George and Patentship of Meritches—Continued.

Names of heads of families in the Manor of St George and pattentship of Meritches.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Males & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
David Howell,	1	..	1	3	3	3	2
Hugh Smith,	..	1	3	2	..	4	2
Benj Havens,	1	2	2	2	1	2	1
Hanery Havens,	1	1	1	2	2	1	0
Joseph Conklan,	1	..	..	..	..	2	3
John Havens,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Isaah Reeve,	.	1	..	2	4	..	..
William Bower,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..
William Smith,	1	1	1	3	1	1	..
Benj^{n} Smith,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
David Hallock,	..	1	1	3	6	1	..
Daniel Downs,	..	2	4	4	..	..	..
John Havens, Jun^{r}.,	..	1	2	1	4	..	1
Benj: Mapes,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Jothen King,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Zackariah Hawkings,	1	1	..	3	1	..	..
Gersum Hawkings,	..	1	1	2	6	..	..
Christophor Mogar,	..	1	3	3	6	..	..
Samul Thompson,	1	2	..	2	2	..	..
Samul gilburd,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
William Thompson,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Josepth Rayner,	..	1	4	1	3	..	..
Josepth Rayour,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
——— Dayton,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Josiah Rayner,	1	1	0	2	2	0	..
Thebe Brown,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Zoper Huls,	..	1	1	2	4	0	..
Tuttol Dayton,	..	1	3	1	1	0	..
Daneil Robsun,	..	1	5	1	1	0	..
Spanear Dayton,	1	1	1	1	1	0	..
Jesse Rayner,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Stphen Robsun,	1	..	1	2	2	..	..
David Robsun,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Samuel Robun,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Doxse Teale,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Thanel Brown,	1	1	..	1	3	..	..
Danel Brown,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
William Revs,	1	..	2	1	..	..	..
Jos^{ler} Rayner,	..	1	5	1	..	..	..
Ebnezer Rayner,	0	1	2	1	2	..	..
William floyd,	..	2	1	3	2	10	2
Nathaniel Woodhul,	2	1	..	3	1	4	11
Richard floyd,	..	2	1	2	1	5	7
Total,	19	43	73	76	81	50	34

[The amount of the above list is 370.]

Sworn before me, W^{M} SMITH, *Chairman.*

Brookhaven Township.

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Paul Huls,	1	..	1	3	..	..	..
Daniel Davis,	1	..	2	2	1	..	..
Elisha H. hamon & Overton,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
John Belos & Zopher,	..	2	1	2	2	..	..
Daniel Roe,	..	..	3	2	5	..	..
Edard more,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Nathaniel Norton,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Beniaman garrot,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Uriah Smith,	..	2	1	2	1	..	..
Joseph tery,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Jemes Smith,	1	2	2	2	1	..	..
Jonathan yarington,	..	..	3	2	3	..	..
William Still,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Franses hallot,	1	..	1	1	2	..	..
Beniamen talmadge,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
Martha Strong,	..	1	..	2	..	..	1
Jacob Vanbrunt,	..	1	2	2	..	2	4
Robbart Jayne,	..	1	3	3	..	..	..
Jesse Huls,	..	1	4	3	4	..	..
Gildart huls,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Elizebeth Denton,	..	..	2	1	2	..	..
Beniamen Brewster,	1	2	..	4	1	1	..
Elnathan Satterly & B,	..	2	3	3	5	..	..
Peter huls & wilm took,	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
Jemes french,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
David tiler,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Matthias Jayne,	1	2	1	2	1	..	..
Charls tooker	..	3	..	2	4	..	..
Thomas Huls,	..	2	2	4	2	..	..
Samual iayne,	..	1	3	1	1	..	1
Daniel Smith & Jemes Smith,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Andrew Seaton,	..	2	5	4	7	..	..
Richard woodhull,	1	2	..	3	..	1	..
Calop hokkins,	..	3	3	1	1	..	..
Gilbart Smith,	1	1	2	2	2	1	..
Gilbart Smith Juner,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Isaac hawkkins,	1	..	1	2	1	..	..
Willam Buchanan,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Beniamen floyd,	..	1	3	2	..	4	..
Nathan woodhull,	1	2	2	2	..	2	3
Timothy hokkins,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Jemes lions,	2	2	..	3	..	..	..
Joseph Brewster,	..	1	4	3	2	1	..
Ebenezer Jones,	1	3	1	2	3	..	..
Richard Duvrek & Satterly,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Stephen Jayne,	1	3	..	5	1	..	..
Beniamen tiler,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Austin Roe,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..
Willam binner & brown,	1	2	3	3	2	..	..

Brookhaven Township—Continued.

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Willam Davis,	..	3	2	2	2	..	..
Silas Davis,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Joseph Davis,	1	2	1	2	2	..	..
Samual philips,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Samuel hoopkins,	1	1	1	3	2	..	..
Bennaiah Edwards,	1	..	2	2	..	..	..
Timothy miller,	1	1	3	3	1	1	..
Willam miller,	1	1	3	2	2	1	..
Richard miller,	..	1	..	2	1	4	3
Andrew miller,	..	1	3	5	4	..	..
John woodhull,	1	5	..	2	1	..	..
Solomon Davis,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Thomas Helme,	..	2	1	2	1	2	1
Israal Davis,	..	1	3	2	1	..	..
Joseph Brown,	..	2	7	3	2	..	..
Fortunatus taler,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Jacob Eaton & hubburt,	..	3	4	3	2	..	..
Edmond Robboson,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Jemes tooker,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Josiah hallock & Davis,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Noah hallock,	..	2	3	2	2	1	4
Peter skidmore,	1	1	7	1	2	1	..
Jemes Sell,	..	1	2	2	3	2	2
Wessels Sell,	..	1	..	2	1	3	..
Thomas Smith,	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Phillips Roe,	..	2	3	1	3	..	..
Nathaniel Roe,	1	1	1	3	4	..	..
John Roe,	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
Charles Smith,	..	1	..	2	..	..	2
Stephen Jones,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
David Longbottom,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Selah Strong,	..	1	3	3	2	2	2
Nathaniel tooker,	1	..	2	1	..	1	..
Henry Davis,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Azel garrard,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Timothy norton,	1	2	1	3	1	..	..
Henry Robins,	1	2	..	2	3	..	..
Joseph philips,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jemes Davis,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Elicurn Davis,	1	..	2	2	4	..	..
David Davis,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Isaac Robbins,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Eliphat tooker,	1	..	3	2	2	..	..
Thomas Bayles,	1	1	..	4	3	..	..
Garrad woley,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Bartholomew Redman,	..	1	..	3	2	..	..
Sarah woodhull,	..	..	1	1	2	1	..
Daniel Satterly,	..	1	1	2	..	..	..
Israel Bennet,	1	..	1	2	1	1	..

Brookhaven Township — Continued.

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Abram Coopper woodhull,	..	1	3	3	3	..	..
Joshu Longbottom,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Dickson,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..
John Bales,	..	1	3	2	1	..	..
Dockter Punderson,	..	1	3	2	2	1	..
Jemes mungumery,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..
Jorg murison Docter,	1	2	..	1	..	4	2
Barnabus Reves,	..	1	1	2	..	..	..
Jacob Biggs,	1	..	1	1	2	..	..
Isaac Biggs,	..	1	1	1	2	1	1
Daniel Smith,	2	1	2	1	1	..	3
Timothy tooker,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..
Selah Smith,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Nathaniel Bayles,	2	..	1	2	..	..	..
Mary Satterly widdow,	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
John Bayles,	1	2	3	3	2	1	1
Jonathan hallock,	1	2	1	2	2	..	..
David hawkins,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Nathaniel tooker,	1	1	2	1	2	..	..
Alexander hawkins,	1	4	1	4	3	..	2
Samuel hawkins,	1	2	2	3	..	..	1
Nathaniel akerly and his son,	1	1	2	2	..	..	..
Nathaniel Davis,	1	2	1	1	1	..	..
Beniamen hawkins,	..	2	1	3	3	..	..
John Robinson,	1	1	..	1	..	1	..
Beniamen tuttle,	1	2	3	3	..	..	..
John woodhull,	..	4	1	1	1	2	1
Zebulon woodhull,	..	1	6	1	1	1	..
Isaac Robinson,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jonathan worth,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Solomon Reves,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..
Samuel Randol,	1	1	3	2	1	..	..
David mulford,	..	3	1	2	..	1	1
William brewster,	..	3	1	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Edwards,	1	2	..	4	..	..	..
John howel,	..	2	1	1	1	..	..
Selah Brown,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Daniel Davis & osband,	..	2	4	2	4	..	..
Zopher Davis & william,	..	2	1	2	2	..	..
Gershom terry,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..
Stephen Swezey & wid,	1	2	3	3	3	..	..
Jemes Swezey,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
Abel Swezey & wid,	..	2	6	4	3	..	..
Elnathan Davis,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
Eliiah Davis,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..

Brookhaven Township—Continued.

Names of the heads of families in Bookhaven Township.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Males & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Jonathan Thompson,	1	1	..	2	1	2	1
Philps tokker,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Gorge Davis,	1	..	2	2	3	..	..
Ludiwick hackstaf,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Israel hawkins,	..	1	1	1	2	2	3
Eliphat witman,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
John Bennet,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Edmond Smith,	1	..	..	2	..	2	3
William longbottom & Samuel,	..	2	2	3	5	..	..
Thomas Rudyard,	1	..	2	1	3	..	..
Obidiah Davis,	1	1	..	2	2	..	..
Elezer Hawkins	1	1	1	3	1	1	4
Richard hallok,	1	1	1	2	4	..	1
Samual Davis & his Son,	1	1	4	2	1	1	1
Jorg Hawkins,	..	1	2	1	1	..	1
Joseph wells & Duis,	1	2	1	3	1	..	..
Nathaniel Smith,	1	2	1	2	1	..	1
Elias Cary,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Antony Bostin,	..	1	2	2	1	..	..
	12	19	26	35	31	8	15
	6	35	41	45	36	3	5
	9	37	46	50	41	9	4
	10	37	56	53	38	17	10
	8	22	27	38	40	4	5
	18	30	37	53	32	9	10
	9	36	37	38	25	5	2
Total,	72	216	260	312	245	55	51

July 1st, 1776. I, Justus Roe, do sware that the above account is a true list of the inhabitants of Brookhaven Northward of the Country road which was the District appointed me to take which is done to the best in my power.

Swore before me JUSTUS ROE.

Wm. Smith, *Chairman.*

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Ruth Bruster,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Seth worth,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..
Jehiel whedton,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
Marah osmer,	..	..	2	1	1	..	1

Brookhaven Township — Continued.

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Sarah Acker,	..	..	1	2	1	..	..
Garret Degroat,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
John Finch,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Scofel,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Samuel Gould,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Jams Gean,	1	1	2	1	..	..	..
John Jones,	1	3	..	1	1	..	..
Enes Runnals,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Daniel Jones,	..	1	4	1	3	..	..
Ephraim Smith,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
John Smith,	..	1	1	1	5	..	..
Nathan Gyer,	..	2	..	2	2	..	..
Eliner Gilbert,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Samuel Tobe,	..	2	3	1	1	..	..
Ezekiel Osban,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Barnebus Rider,	1	2	2	3	1	..	..
Nathaniel Frinch,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Samuel Dayton,	1	1	..	1	3	..	..
John Dayton,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Elezer Bellows,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Stephen Ackley,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Isrel Sacston,	1	..	2	4	..	..	..
Benjmam Smith,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..
Philop Acley,	1	1	..	2	..	1	2
Rohard Acley,	..	2	2	1	5	..	..
Benjman Smith,	..	2	5	2	1	..	..
Elifelat Smith,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Iserl Smith,	1	..	..	1	..	1	3 boys.
Jonathon Smith,	1	1	..	3	..	1	1
Marah Wickes,	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
John Newton,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Isac Newton,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Phineus Davis, Juner,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Phineus Davis,	1	..	4	1	1	..	..
Elazer Hockins,	..	1	1	1	2	..	1
Daniel Hallack,	1	1	3	1	1	..	..
Isac Smith,	1	1	2	2	2	..	..
Daniel Nash,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
John Homan,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Daniel Homan,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Robbard Hockens,	..	1	2	1	6	..	..
Nathaniel Gerard,	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
Benjman Clark,	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Mordecai Homan,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jonah Tucker,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Zophar Gerard,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
John Homan,	..	2	4	1	..	..	1
John Havens,	1	..	..	1	2	1	..
W^{m} Clark,	1	1	..	2	1	2	2
Jonathan Jones,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..

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Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Benjman woodhool,	..	4	1	1	3	1	..
Zaceriah Hockoens,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Ludlo Clark,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Joseph Souard,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
John Alban,	1	1	2	4	3	..	..
Marak Biges,	..	..	1	6	1	..	..
Garshem Brown,	..	2	1	2	3	..	..
Daniel Pettie,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Robbard Robeson,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Reivs Hoel,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
willem Turner,	..	1	2	4	1	..	..
John Turner,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
Samuel Turner,	..	2	1	3	.	..	..
W^{m} Bartlee,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
John Leak,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Philep Leak,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Arther Moger,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
James woodroof,	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Edward Brown,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nehemiah Hults,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
David Oberton	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Benjman Overton,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
willem Dayton,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Isac Smith,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Bennet Dayton,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Samuel Dayton,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Timethey wood,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
John Hults,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
David Manroe,	1	1	2	3	..	..	..
Isac Overton,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Ebenezer Dayton,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Nathaniel Longbotom,	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
W^{m} yarranton,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
David Dayton,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Bruster Terrey,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Alexander wickes,	1	..	2	2	3	..	..
Nathaniel Smith,	..	1	5	1	2	..	..
Andrew Pachen,	..	3	3	1	5	..	..
Seth Scribner,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Joseph Scribner,	1	..	2	1	1	..	..
Joseph Scribner Juner,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
James Bates,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Stephen Founten,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
David Serwood,	1	1	1	1	4	..	..
Jonathan Baker,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Baker Juner,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
willem Baker,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Seth Marvin,	..	3	..	1	..	..	..
Thomas Avery,	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Joseph Garard,	1	1	2	1	1	..	1

Brookhaven Township — Continued.

Names of the heads of families in the Township of Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Males & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Lieus Gorden,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Samuel Conkling,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Zepheniah Conkling,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Robbard Homan,	..	1	1	1	2	..	2
Iserel Robson,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
John wood,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Nathaniel Hockens,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Humphrey Avery,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..
Matthew Beal,	1	..	1	3	..	..	..
John Marvin,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Thaddeas Cole,	..	1	1	1	5	..	..
Jacob Andres,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Benjman Marvin,	..	2	2	2	6	..	..
Amos Adams,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Jedediah Marvin,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Ephraim Marvin,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Jehiel Weed,	..	3	1	1	3	..	..
Ezekel Hegges,	1	..	2	1	..	1	1
Ezekel Hegges, Juner,	..	1	.	1	1	..	..
Thomas Fanning,	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
David Faning,	..	1	2	2	1	..	1
Jefery Bruster,	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Nathaniel Bruster,	..	1	..	1	2	..	1
Henery Sumers,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Frances Burto,	1	2	..	2	..	..	..
Daniel Rose,	..	2	1	3	1	1	..
Joseph Ferrey,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Anenias Smith,	..	1	3	3	3	..	..
Jesse Rose,	..	1	5	2	..	1	1
Nathan Rose,	..	1	4	1	3	1	..
Thomas Rose,	..	1	2	3	2	1	..
Ezekel Homan,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
Michager Jain,	..	1	3	2	..	..	..
Zebulan Robens,	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
Henery Hults,	1	2	3	2	2	..	..
David Rose, L. D.,	..	1	3	2	3	..	..
Stephen Swesey,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Jeremiah Huburt,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Nathan Rose,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Isaih Moger,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..
Ezekiel Hands,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Abagail Hults,	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
Matthew woodroof,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Mordecai Homan,	..	3	5	1	2	..	..
Andrew Barran,	..	1	3	2	2	..	1
Ebenerzer Homan,	1	1	2	2	3	..	..
Eunes Rider,	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
Thomas Robson,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nathaniel woodroof,	1	1	..	1	..	1	1

Brookhaven Township—Continued.

Names of the Heads of families in Brookhaven.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
David Overton,	1	3	..	3	1	..	..
Joseph Kulen,	1	3	..	1	4	..	..
James Bishop,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..
Jonathan Benjamans,	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
James Overton,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
W^m^ Sactston,	1	..	1	1	..	..	2
W^m^ Garard,	..	1	1	2	6	..	..
Mathew Clark,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
Enes Bishop,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Timethy Lane,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Luke Brichet,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Isah Smith,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
	6	14	15	20	20	..	2
	9	20	37	36	23	4	3
	5	25	25	31	38	2	3
	6	27	35	29	35	..	1
	7	23	28	23	29	..	3
	9	18	34	33	32	3	7
	6	27	36	38	28	4	3
	3	21	28	24	23	..	1
Total in Brookhaven taken *By Marvin*	51	175	238	234	228	13	23
Total taken by Roe in Brookhaven	72	216	260	312	245	55	51
	123	391	498	546	473	68	74

July 3rd, 1776. I Ephraim Marvin Do swear that the above account is a True list of the Inhabitants of Brookhaven Southward of the Country road which was the District appointed me to Take which is Done to the best in my power.

Sworn before me EPHRAIM MARVIN.

WM. SMITH, *Chairman.*

There is in Brookhaven Males above 50 y^rs^ 123, under 50 y^rs^ and above 16 y^rs^ 391, under 16 y^rs^ 498, females above 16 y^rs^ 546 under 16 y^rs^ 473, negros above 16 y^rs^ 68 under 16 y^rs^ 74. Taken by Justus Roe & Ephraim Marvin, Cast up by Humphry Avery & W^m.^ Smith.

Census of the Inhabitants of Southold, Suffolk County, 1776. The names of Heads of familys.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Parker Wickham,	..	3	1	4	2	4	2
Silas Moore,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Thomas Webb,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Nathan Goldsmith,	..	1	2	3	..	..	..
John Horton,	1	2	2	..	..	..	..

Southold Township—Continued.

The names of Heads of familys in Southold.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES,	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Thomas Wells,	..	1	6	2	..	..	..
Joshua Tothill,	2	..	1	3	..	..	1
James Reeve,	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Joseph Reeve,	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
Joshua Goldsmith,	..	1	4	1	4	..	..
Timothy Wells,	1	..	2	3	..	..	..
Gorshom Terry,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Timothy Wells,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Gorshom Terry,	..	1	1	1	..	..	1
John Wells,	..	2	1	2	2	..	1
Joshua Benjamins,	..	1	1	2	..	2	2
Andrew Hart,	..	1	1	2	3	..	..
William Howell,	..	1	..	2	2	..	..
Daniel Terry,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
William Wells,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Benj. Pain,	..	1	1	2	1	1	..
Sm^{l} Cox,	1	2	..	2	..	..	..
Joshua Wells,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
David Wells,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..
David Hedges,	1	1	..	4	..	..	..
Jonathan Salmon,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
James Webb,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Thomas Mapes,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Jonathan Horton,	..	1	2	..	2	..	1
Calvin Horton,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Joshua Salmon,	1	2	..	2	..	..	..
Joshua Salmon, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Joshua Goldsmith,	..	2	1	2	1	..	..
Joshua Case,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
Thomas Goldsmith,	1	1	1	2	2	..	..
David Goldsmith,	..	2	4	1	3	..	..
David Heges, Ju^{r},	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Abner Wells,	..	2	3	1	3	..	..
Israel Reeves,	..	3	1	3	1	..	..
Elijah Terry,	..	2	6	1	1	..	..
Joshua Terry,	..	3	3	..	..	..	..
Daniel Conkling,	1	2	1	4	2	..	1
John Goldsmith,	1	..	..	2	1	..	1
John Goldsmith, Jun^{r},	..	2	3	2	4	..	..
Benj. Wells,	1	..	..	2	..	1	4
Edward Pennie,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Joshua Billard,	1	1	5	1	..	..	..
Moses Case,	1	..	2	1	..	2	4
Gilbert Case,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Abraham Davids,	1	..	1	1	..	5	2
Gershom Case,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Edward Pennie,	1	2	..	2	..	1	..
Echabod Case,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Benj. Case,	1	..	2	7	..	..	..

Southold Township—Continued.

The Names of Heads of familys in Southold.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Sylvanus Davis,	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Samuel Corwin,	1	1	1	1	5	..	..
Benj. Case, Junr,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Nathanael Corwin,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Thomas Huchinson,	..	1	1	3	1	..	1
William Case,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Jennings,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Nathl Goldsmith,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Fragist Welles,	1	1	1	4	1	..	..
Israel Case,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Ebenezar Jenings,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Joshua Overton,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
John Drake,	..	2	..	3	..	..	..
Hezekiah Jenings,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Abijah Corey,	1	..	2	2	2	..	..
Joseph Halliok,	..	1	5	2	2	..	..
Barnbass Horton,	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
John Dickerson,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
John Overton, Junr,	..	2	3	3	2	..	..
John Overton,	1	2	2	..	..	..	..
Isaac Overton,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
Elton Overton,	..	3	3	2	3	..	..
Nathanael Overton,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
Daniel Terry,	..	3	1	2	3	..	..
Zacheus Goldsmith,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Abijah Winds,	1	..	2	2	2	1	..
Joshua Reeves,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Wid Elizabeth,	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
John Halliok,	1	..	2	3	4	..	..
Jonathan Wells,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Barnabas Horton,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..
Nathanael Overton,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
James Overton,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Selah Dickerson,	..	2	2	2	1	..	..
Jasper Corey,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Ezekiel Petty,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Stephen Aldritch,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Nathanael Conkling,	..	1	4	2	1	..	..
David Cleeves,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Silas Corwin,	..	3	3	1	2	..	..
Benjamin Conkling,	..	1	1	1	2	1	..
Joshua Hobart,	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
James Maclore,	..	2	1	2	2	..	..
Sylvanus Brown,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..
Jonathan Dimon,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Jonathan Corwin,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
James Petty,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Daniel Warner,	..	1	3	2	2	1	3
Hennery Moore,	1	3	..	1	..	..	..

Southold Township — Continued.

Names of Heads of familys in Southold.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Joshua Cleeves,	..	2	1	2	3	..	..
Thomas Conkling,	1	1	..	3	1	2	2
Wid Corwin,	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
Benjamin Goldsmith,	..	2	2	3	2	1	..
Jonathan Vail,	..	2	3	2	2	..	..
Phineas Faning,	1	1	2	1	1	3	1
James Morison,	..	3	..	1	..	2	..
Roben Brown,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
James faning,	1	..	..	..	..	2	..
Samuell Brown,	1	1	2	2	..	1	..
Isaac Reeves,	..	2	1	1	3	1	1
Frances Forneir,	1	..	4	2	1	..	..
Hennery Brown, Junr,	..	1	..	1	5	..	..
Phineas Beekwith,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
John Williamson,	1	1	..	3	1	..	..
Hennery Brown,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..
Biah Cleeves,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Timothy Corwin,	1	2	2	2	..	..	..
Israel Youngs,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Hennery Tothill,	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
Cravet Wells,	1	2	..	3	..	..	..
John Clark,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..
Ebenezar Sopers,	1	1	2	2	2	..	..
William Brown,	..	2	2	3	2	..	..
James Wells,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Thomas Reeves, Junr,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Peter Osman,	..	1	..	5	2	..	..
Rosos Tothill,	..	2	1	2	2	..	1
Waren Youngs,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Samuell Beebee,	..	1	2	2	5	..	..
William King,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
James King,	1	..	1	2	3	..	..
William King, Junr,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Jedediah Corwin,	..	2	1	2	4	..	..
Stephen Vail,	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
Stephen Vail, Junr,	..	1	1	1	2	..	1
Jonathan Terry,	..	1	2	1	2	..	1
Wid. Perry,	..	2	..	2	1	1	2
Grover Glover,	1	1	1	1	..	2	4
Jeremiah Vail,	..	2	3	1	..	..	..
John Terry,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..
Jonathan King,	..	2	3	2	2	..	..
Joseph King,	..	1	3	3	..	..	..
Joseph Petty,	1	..	4	4	1	..	..
Thomas Terry,	..	3	4	3	1	..	2
John Tothill,	1	..	1	2	2	..	..
Major Barnabass Tothill,	..	2	5	2	3	..	..
Jeremiah King,	..	1	6	3	..	..	1
Peter Tothill,	..	1	..	1	3	..	1

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Benjamin King,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Jeremiah Tothill,	1	1	1	4	1	..	..
Joseph Youngs,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
Robert Harley,	..	1	1	3	3	..	..
Zebulon King,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Daniel Tothill,	1	2	1	2	..	2	..
Nathaniel King,	1	1	2	3	3	..	..
Joseph Terry,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Assa King,	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
Gedion Youngs,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ezekiel Glover,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jonathan Youngs, Junr.,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Walter Youngs,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Youngs,	1	2	..	4	..	..	..
James Griffing,	..	1	4	1	3	..	..
Peter Griffing,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Stephen Vail,	..	1	2	1	5	..	..
Lester Beebee,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Thomas Lester,	..	1	..	2	3	..	..
John King,	1	1	2	1	3	..	..
Frederick Taber,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Christopher Tothill,	1	1	5	4	3	..	..
John Tothill, Junr.,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Amon Taber, Junr.,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Amon Taber,	1	..	..	3	..	..	..
Jonathan Tothill,	..	1	1	3	1	..	..
Elezar Troman,	1	3	1	4	2	..	..
Daniel Vail,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Lion Gardiner,	..	1	4	1	3	..	..
John Rackett,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Ephraim King,	1	3	..	2	..	..	..
Richard Brown,	3	..	2	4	4	..	..
Christopher Brown,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
William Troman,	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
Abraham Vail,	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
Daniel Rackett,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Azariah Tothill, Jr.,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Thomas Vail,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
John Moore,	..	1	5	3	3	2	..
John Rackett,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Rackett,	..	2	4	2	2	..	..
Absolom Rackett,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
David Wiggains,	1	3	1	1	1	1	3
David Wellding,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..
Danial Brown,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
Azariah Tothill,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
John Wiggains,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Thomas Young, Esqr.,	1	2	2	4	1	3	..
Joseph Booth,	..	2	3	1	1	2	1

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Jonathan Keene,	..	1	1	1	1	1	..
Sylvester Lester,	..	1	..	1	2	..	2
David Vail,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Orange Webb,	..	2	2	2	..	1	..
William Webb,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Sml. Booth	1	1	..	1	1	..	1
Wid. "	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
John Young,	..	1	3	2	3	..	..
Calvin Moore,	..	1	2	4	3	..	1
Ephriam King, Junr.,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
James Brown,	1	1	..	3	1	..	..
Wid. Moore,	..	..	..	1	..	1	1
Tho Moore,	..	3	2	1	4	..	..
Micah Horton,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..
Daniel Young,	..	1	..	3	1	..	..
Jonathan Conkling,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
Joseph Conkling,	1	..	..	5	1	..	..
Jonathan Conkling, Junr.,	..	1	1	1	2	1	2
Jonathan Rogers,	..	1	1	1	5	..	..
William Rogers,	..	1	2	2	1	..	..
David Mackfarling,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
John Conkling,	1	1	..	4	..	..	..
John Conkling, Junr.,	..	1	1	2	4	3	..
Jacob Conkling,	..	1	5	1	1	..	..
Joseph Wickham,	..	2	3	2	3	..	..
Robert Birtts,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..
John Ingram,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Stephen Bayley,	..	1	1	2	6	..	..
Benjamin Pain,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
James Davis,	1	..	2	1	2	..	..
Jonathan Rackett,	1	1	2	2	3	..	..
Zebulon Halliok,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Richard Terry,	..	2	3	3	3	..	..
Peter Dains,	..	3	..	5	3	..	..
Simon Moore,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Joseph Horton,	1	1	1	3	2	..	..
Joseph Cleveland,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Elezar Way,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
James Corwin,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Peter Corwin, or Prance,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
James Whelock Booth,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..
David Conkling,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Wid. Hubbard,	..	..	2	2	..	..	..
Daniel Grifling,	..	1	4	3	..	..	..
Joshua Horton,	..	1	3	3	2	..	..
Ichabod Cleeveland,	..	1	4	2	..	1	1
William Horton,	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
William Horton, Junr.,	..	1	..	1	..	..	2
Daniel Booth,	..	2	4	2	3	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Joseph Peck,	..	2	1	2	4	..	..
John Prince,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Gamaliel Bayley,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Bayley,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
Nathanael Youngs,	1	..	1	3	2	..	..
Joseph Prince,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Bayley,	..	1	..	1	2	1	..
Robert Hempsted,	1	..	..	1	1	2	1
John Darrow,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..
Augustus Peck	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Franke,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
William Landon,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Wid. Moore,	..	..	..	2	4	1	1
Sylvester L'Hommedieu,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Eliakem Perrie,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..
John Vail,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Dayton Smith,	1	..	1	2	1	..	..
Charles Chase,	1	..	..	1	2	..	..
Elisha Vail,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Samuell Landon,	1	2	2	1	2	3	2
John Stoors,	..	1	3	1	2	1	..
Ezra L'Hommedieu,	..	1	..	2	..	3	4
Samuel Gretfing,	1	..	2	3	..	..	..
Constant L'Hommedieu,	..	3	1	2	4	..	..
Wid. Moore,	..	..	..	4	..	..	..
Obediah Vail,	1	1	1	3	1	..	..
John Boshea,	..	3	3	1	3	..	..
John Pain,	..	1	6	1	..	..	..
Allsup Pain,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Nathan Haines,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..
Benj: Vail,	..	2	4	2	3	..	..
Thomas Hempstead,	..	2	2	2	3	..	2
John Tothill,	1	3	3	3	2	2	1
Selah Reeve,	..	1	4	1	2	..	1
Wid. Goldsmith,	..	..	1	2	..	..	..
Joseph Mapes,	1	..	..	2	..	2	3
Joseph Mapes, Junr,	..	1	3	1	1	1	..
Micah Howell,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Micah Howell, Junr,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Richard Halliok,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Zerobbabell Halliok,	1	2	..	2	4	..	1
Zerobabell Halliok, Junr,	..	1	3	1	1	..	.
Wid. Halliok,	..	..	4	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Osman,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Jacob Aldritch,	1	2	1	3	..	..	..
Phineas Howell,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Gershom Aldritch,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Richard Howell,	1	3	..	3	2	3	6
Daniel Aldritch	..	3	2	2	..	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Peter Simons,	1	2	3	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Howell,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
Richard Swasey,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Samuel Hudson,	1	..	..	2	..	2	..
Hennery Hudson,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Jonathan Corwin,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
Samuell Hudson, Junr,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Nathan Corwin,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Elezar Low,	..	1	4	3	2	..	..
Peter Halliok,	1	3	2	3	2	1	3
Hennery Terry,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Nathan Tothill,	..	1	4	3	4	..	..
Paul Reeve,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
James Youngs,	2	2	..	3	1	..	..
Wid. Osman,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
James Youngs,	..	1	2	2	1	..	..
William Benjamin,	..	4	..	1	4	..	..
Christopher Youngs, Junr,	1	..	1	2	2	..	..
Ezekiel Petty, Junr,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
David Parshal,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Hezekieh Reeve,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
William Pennie,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Moses Simon,	1	..	2	1	2	..	..
John L'Hommedieu,	1	..	..	1	1	..	.
Hennery L'Hommedieu,	..	1	6	1	2	..	..
Daniel Wells,	1	2	..	2	4	..	..
Micah Wells,	..	2	2	2	4	..	..
Joshua Howell,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
David Downs,	..	1	2	3	4	..	..
Daniel Corwin.	1	..	1	4	3	..	..
Joshua Corwin,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Daniel Terry,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
David Horton,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Joseph Corwin,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
James Mapes,	..	1	2	1	..	1	..
Benjamin Hutchinson,	..	1	2	1	..	1	1
Adonijah Osman,	1	1	1	4	..	..	..
Ambrose Horton,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Nathan Benjamin,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
Selah Wells,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Benj: Moore,	..	1	..	1	3	..	1
Noice Wickham,	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
David Gardiner,	..	1	..	2	3	..	..
Daniel Osman, Junr,	..	1	4	1	1	..	..
Richard Hudson,	1	..	1	1	4	..	..
Daniel Osman,	1	..	..	1	..	3	4
Winds Osman,	..	1	1	1	3	1	..
Ishmael Reeve,	1	1	1	2	2	..	..
Walter Reeve,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Thomas Overton,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Wid: Horton,	..	..	..	2	3	2	1
David Horton,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Willmot Goldsmith,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Jonathan Terry,	..	3	..	2	3	..	..
John Clark,	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Isaac Davis,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Ebenezar Wade,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
James Tothill,	..	2	3	1	3	..	..
Sm[l] Tothill,	..	1	4	3	3	..	..
John Gardiner,	..	3	2	2	1	1	..
Joshua Clark,	1	..	..	2	..	2	..
R. Steers Hubbard,	1	1	2	4	..	..	..
John Corwin,	..	2	2	2	1	1	..
Thomas Winds,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Barnabas Winds,	1	..	..	1	1	2	..
Barnabas Winds, Jun[r],	..	1	2	2	5	..	..
David Gardiner,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Wid. Harve,	..	..	1	2	1	..	..
Hennery Pike,	1	..	1	1	1	..	1
David Corwin,	..	1	3	2	1	..	..
Ebenezer Webb,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
John Benjamin,	..	1	1	3	3	..	1
John Case,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
John Wickham,	..	1	3	1	2	2	2
James Reeve,	1	..	1	2	..	3	..
James Reeves, Jun[r],	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
Obediah Hudson,	1	2	2	1	2	..	..
Joseph Gardiner,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Barnabas Terril,	1	..	..	1	..	3	..
Thomas Reeves,	1	2	1	2	4	..	..
William Wells,	..	2	1	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Pike,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
George Taylor,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
John Devenport,	..	1	..	2	2	..	..
Wid. Hubbard,	..	..	2	1	1	..	1
Roke Howell,	..	2	..	1	1	..	..
Tho. Benjamin,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
John Clark,	1	..	..	2	2	..	..
Eliphalet Warner,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Daniel Howell,	1	2	2	3	1	..	2
Richard Swasey, Jun[r],	1	..	2	2	5	..	..
Joseph Horton,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
Mathias Corwin,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
James Griffing,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Isaac Wells,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Ephraim Brown,	1	..	5	4	1	..	..
Thomas Youngs, J[r],	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Jonathan Reeves,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Wid. Reeve,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Nath[l] Wells,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Manly Wells,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Nath[l] Hudson,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
David Corwin,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Sam[l] Wells,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Joseph Wells,	..	2	2	2	1	..	..
William Downs,	..	1	3	2	3	..	1
Edward Marthers,	..	3	3	3	4	..	..
Peter Downs,	..	1	1	3	..	..	..
Perrier Reeve,	1	1	2	2	..	..	..
James faning,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Hennery Corwin,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah Corwin,	..	1	3	3	1	..	..
John Jenings,	..	2	2	1	..	..	..
Lias Parshel,	..	3	2	2	2	..	..
David Horton,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Jermiah Wells,	...	2	5	1	2	..	..
Jeddediah Cleeves,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Wid. Pennie,	..	..	2	2	2	..	..
David Wells,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Paul Wells,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Matthew Wells,	..	1	1	1	1	..	1
John Terry,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
John Tothill,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Wid. Hinchman,	..	..	5	3	1	..	..
Peter Vail,	1	2	2	3	..	..	..
Abraham King,	..	1	4	1	1	..	..
Benj. L'hommedieu,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
Daniel Tothill,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Daniel Young,	..	4	4	3	1	..	..
James Petty,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Daniel Shaw,	..	1	1	1	2	1	..
Isaiah Tothill,	..	1	1	1	3	..	1
Thomas Arnold,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Jonathan Horton,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Willam Halliok,	..	2	2	1	2	..	1
John Conkling,	..	1	1	3	3	1	1
Samuell Wells,	1	2	3	1	2	..	..
Isrel Howell,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Sm[l] Howell,	..	1	..	1	1	1	..
David Terry, Junr.,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Mathew Hedges,	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
David Terry,	1	2	1	2	1	..	..
Benj. Tothill,	..	1	..	1	1	1	1
Matthias Corwin, Junr,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Gorshom Edwards,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Daniel Edwards,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Zebolon Halliok,	..	1	2	3	3	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
William Pennie,	..	1	5	1	1	..	..
James Downe,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Israel Halliok,	..	3	4	2	1	..	..
Jonathan Robinson,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
James Lubton,	..	1	1	2	3	..	..
Wid. Pain,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Benj: Emmons,	1	..	1	1	..	1	..
Benjamin Emmons, Junr,	..	3	3	1	..	..	..
Richard Terry,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
John Tothill,	..	3	1	1	..	..	..
Wid. Pain,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Josiah Lubton,	..	2	..	1	1	..	..
James Owens,	1	1	1	2	..	1	..
Absolom Brown,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Assa Brown, Junr,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Frederick Hudson,	..	1	1	2	2	3	2
Timothy Hudson,	1	1	..	2	..	..	1
Robert Terry,	1	1	..	1	..	..	1
Josiah Woodhull,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
Richard Wood,	..	1	1	2	3	..	..
Solomon Reeves,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Zadock Reeves,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
John Petty,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
William Dickerson,	1	1	2	1	1	..	..
Hennery Wells,	1	2	..	2	..	..	..
Adonijah Osman, Junr,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Jacob Osman,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Samuell Benjamin,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
James Benjamin,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Amesiah Benjamin,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Richard Howell,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Benjamin,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Silas Reeve,	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Joshua Wells,	1	1	..	1	3	..	..
John Griffing,	1	3	3	3	1	..	..
Joshua Wells, Junr,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Samuell Tillerson,	..	1	3	2	..	1	..
Wid. Moore,	..	..	2	3	..	..	..
Richard Benjamin,	..	2	4	1	2	..	..
Robert Hinchman,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Richard Howell,	1	1	..	4	..	1	..
Total,	167	549	720	814	696	125	109

Total population of the Town, 3,180.

Smithtown.

Names of heads of familys in Smithtown.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Joseph Platt,	..	2	..	1	2	..	..
Epenetus Wood,	1	2	..	4	..	..	..
Jonathan Sammis,	1	2	..	1	1	..	..
Nath[l] Platt,	..	1	1	2	1	2	1
Jesse Arthur,	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
Reuben Arthur,	..	1	4	..	2	..	..
Jacob Balis,	..	2	..	..	1	..	..
Thomas Tredwell,	..	1	2	2	4	6	6
John Stratton,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah Wheler,	1	1	2	3	3	..	..
Zephaniah Platt,	1	1	1	3	2	4	2
Jeremiah Conkling,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..
Henry Shadden,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
Gamaliel Conkling,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Elemuel Soper,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jonah Soper,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Solomon Smith,	1	..	..	4	..	4	2
Jeffrey Smith,	..	1	3	2	1	4	2
Obadiah Smith, Sen[r],	1	3	..	1	..	1	5
Philetus Smith,	..	2	3	2	1	4	3
Aaron Smith,	..	1	2	1	1	2	1
Nathaniel Smith,	..	2	1	1	3	1	..
Jacob Smith,	..	1	2	3	2	1	2
Hamble Darling,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Mary Vargoson,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
William Thompson,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Zophar Scidmore,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Joseph Jane,	..	2	1	2	4	..	1
Samuel Phillips,	..	1	2	1	1	1	..
Daniel Brush,	..	..	1	1	2	..	..
Samuel Ketcham,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
James Jane,	..	1	4	1	..	..	..
Samuel Tilletson,	1	2	2	4	..	..	..
Elisha Jillit,	1	..	1	2	1	..	..
Caleb Smith,	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Benjamin Nicoll,	..	4	6	2	2	..	..
Nath[l] Gerrard,	..	2	3	1	3	..	..
Stephen Smith,	1	..	1	1	..	1	..
Zophar Mills,	..	1	4	2	1	..	..
Ebenezer Smith,	..	2	..	2	1	1	..
Joshua Hartt,	..	1	..	2	2	..	1
William Arthur,	..	2	3	1	2	2	..
Epenetus Smith,	1	1	2	2	3	2	1
Zophar Wheeler,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ruth Blydenburgh,	..	..	3	2	2	3	..
Daniel Tillitson,	..	3	2	1	2	..	..
James Payne,	..	1	2	2	3	..	..
Samuel Blydenburgh,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Ruth Traves,	..	..	2	1	..	..	..

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Names of heads of familys in Smithtown.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
William Phillips,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
John L'hommedue,	1	..	4	2	1	..	..
James L'hommedue,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Shadrach Terry,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Joshua Smith,	..	1	2	1	2	2	..
Jacob Longbotton,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..
Nathan Wheeler,	1	1	3	3	1	..	..
Abner Smith,	..	1	1	1	3	..	3
Obadiah Smith, Jun^{r},	1	1	1	2	1	2	5
Isaac Gerrard,	1	4	..	2	1	..	..
William Ward,	1	..	2	2	2	..	..
Alexander Muncil,	..	1	7	2	1	..	..
Daniel Smith,	1	..	..	2	2	6	..
Margaret Floyd,	..	1	2	2	2	4	3
Mrgaret Smith,	..	..	..	1	2	3	2
Job Smith,	1	1	3	1	1	5	4
Richard Smith,	..	1	3	1	1	4	3
Samuel Mills,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Joseph Gould, Sen^{r},	1	1	3	2	1	..	..
Joseph Gould, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
William Smith, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Shubal Marchant,	1	1	..	4	1	..	..
Nathaniel Taylor,	..	1	1	1	..	1	1
William Smith, Sen^{r},	..	1	..	3	1	..	..
Micah Smith,	..	1	2	1	2	3	4
Stephen Smith, Sen^{r},	1	1	3	2	..	1	..
Gilbert Smith,	1	2	1	4	..	..	..
Joseph Smith,	1	1	2	2	2	..	..
Gersham Smith,	1	..	4	2	2	..	..
Edmond Smith, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	..	..	7	5
Floyd Smith,	1	1	..	3	1	2	4
Elemuel Smith,	1	3	..	3	..	1	..
Jonas Mills,	1	2	1	2	..	2	2
Jacob Mills,	1	1	1	2	..	2	1
Isaac Mills,	..	3	3	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Mills,	1	1	1	1	..	5	1
Timothy Mills,	..	1	1	2	..	..	1
Benjamin Gould,	1	..	3	3	3	..	..
William Biggs,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Jonathan L'hommedue,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Mary Biggs,	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
Silas Biggs,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Newton,	1	..	1	3	..	..	1
Merrit Smith,	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Abigail ward,	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
	35	109	141	152	118	91	70

SMITH TOWN, June 25, 1776.

This day personally appeared John Stratton before me, and gave oath that the foregoing list contains a true account of the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid. EPENETUS SMITH, *Chairman.*

Easthampton.

Names of Heads of familys in Easthampton.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Jeremiah Gardiner,	..	2	4	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Leek,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
David Leek,	..	1	4	1	1	1	..
Jacobus Sherril,	1	2	4	2	1	..	..
Thomas Dibble,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Christopher Dibble,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
David Edwards,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Abraham Edwards,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Stephen Hedges,	1	2	2	2	..	1	2
Jacobus Conkling,	..	2	5	2	1	..	..
Samuel Baker,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..
David Osborn,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..
Selah Pike,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Parsons,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
John Gann,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Nathaniel Talmage,	1	..	..	3	..	..	..
David Talmage, Jun^{r},	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
Henry Sherril,	..	1	..	4	..	..	..
Francis Chattalin,	..	1	1	3	2	..	..
Daniel Zoper,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
Widow Catharine Domini,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Abraham Mulford,	1	..	2	2	1	..	..
Abraham Mulford, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Nathaniel Dominy, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
Daniel Conkling,	..	3	3	1	3	..	..
Widow Sarah Huntting,	..	..	1	1	2	..	..
Robert Parsons,	1	1	1	1	2	..	..
Samuel Parsons,	1	1	1	4	1	..	..
Jesse Dayton,	..	2	1	2	1	..	..
Lt. Thomas Baker,	..	2	1	1	2	..	..
Stephen Burnet,	..	1	..	2	2	..	..
John Mulford, Esq.,	1	2	..	1	..	2	1
Jeremiah Conkling, 3d,	..	2	..	3	..	..	..
Abraham Gardiner, Esq.,	1	1	1	2	1	4	1
Henry Parsons,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Daniel Osborn,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jonathon Osborn,	1	2	2	1	..	..	..
Aaron Isaacs,	1	1	2	1	3	..	..
William Conkling,	1	2	..	1	2	..	..
Mrs. Jerusha Gardiner,	..	..	2	1	..	1	..
Burnet Miller, Esq.,	1	2	3	2	2	3	1
William Hedges,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Nathan Mulford,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Mr. Samuel Buell,	1	..	2	1	1	2	1
Elisha Mulford,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Mary Cook,	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Wd. Permelia Russel,	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
Mrs. Mehitable Baker,	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
Stephen Russell,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..

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Names of Heads of familys in Easthampton.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Jeremiah Miller,	..	2	..	1	1	3	1
Joseph Osborn,	1	..	..	1	1	..	1
Lewis Osborn,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Thomas Talmage,	1	..	..	3	3	..	..
Jeremiah Osborn,	..	1	..	2	..	1	..
M[rs] Mary Osborn,	..	..	1	3	..	..	1
Noah Barnes,	1	3	..	1	1	1	2
Jeremiah Miller, Jun[r],	..	1	..	1	3	..	1
Joseph Tillinghast,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Thomas Orsborn,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Joseph Osborn, Jun[r],	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
Daniel Hedges,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
John Hedges,	1	1	1	2	2	2	..
David Miller, Jun[r],	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Eleazor Conkling,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Nathan Hedges,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
John Chatfield, Esq[r],	1	1	..	2	2	..	..
Aaron Isaacs, Juner,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Eleazer Miller, Esq[r],	1	1	1	3	..	1	..
Elisha Jones,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Col. David Mulford,	1	2	1	3	1	4	4
Thomas Filer,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Wido Zeruiah Miller,	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
Wido Hannah Hedges,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Abraham Miller, Esq[r],	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Thomas Wickham, Esq[r],	1	1	3	1	2	1	2
Ananias Miller,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Recompense Sherril, Jun[r],	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Recompense Sherril,	1	2	..	2	..	..	..
Jeremiah Sherrill,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Nathan Conkling,	1	1	..	4	..	..	..
William Huntting,	..	1	1	1	.	..	1
Nathaniel Huntting,	..	2	2	3	2	..	..
M[rs] Mary Huntting,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Doc[tr] Samuel Hutchinson,	..	1	3	3	2	1	..
Jeremiah Conkling,	1	1	..	1	1	1	..
Nathan Conkling, 3,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Wido Ruth Conkling,	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
Wido Sarah Miller,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Aaron Fithian,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Capt. David Fithian,	..	1	2	3	1	1	..
Lion Gardiner,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
John Gardiner, Esq[r],	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
Nathan Dayton,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
William Barns,	1	2	1	1	..	..	..
Abraham Hedges,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Jacob Hedges,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Lemuel Mulford,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Capt. Ezekeil Mulford,	..	1	3	3	2	1	..
Elias Conkling,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Isaac Schellinger,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Uriah Mille,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Abraham Baker,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..
Jeremiah Dayton,	1	2	1	1	1	1	..
Nathaniel Barnes,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Matthew Barns,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..
Jacob Osborn,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
Jedediah Conkling,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Edward Conkling,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
David Baker,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Ezekeil Payn,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Samuel Mulford,	1	1	..	2	2	2	1
Eliast Mulford,	..	3	..	1	1	..	..
Nathaniel Hand,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
Benjamin Eyre,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..
Jonathan Edwards,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
James Loper,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Abraham Loper,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Thomas Edwards,	1	2	3	4	2	..	..
Thomas Edwards, Jr.,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Sineus Conkling,	1	2	2	3	3	..	..
Zebulon Conkling,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
Lt. Samuel Conkling,	..	1	2	2	3	..	..
Jeremiah Conkling,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Nathaniel Baker,	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
Bethiah Hicks,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Abraham Schellenger,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Jonathan Schellenger,	..	2	2	2	3	1	..
Mrs. Phebe Parsons,	..	..	..	1	1	1	..
Henry Dayton,	1	1	1	2	..	1	..
John Stratton,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Nathan Hand,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Joseph Hicks,	1	3	1	3	2	..	..
Isaac Huntting,	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
Elisha Conkling,	1	..	2	2	2	1	..
Matthew Osborn,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Benjamin Hopping,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Zebedee Osborn,	..	2	1	2	1	..	..
Elisha Osborn,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..
Mrs. Elisabeth Osborn,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Matthew Davis,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jonothan Squier,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah Hand,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
James Hand,	..	2	4	1	1	.	..
Enos Talmage,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
John Talmage,	1	2	1	2	..	..	..
George Stronge,	..	1	1	2	..	..	..
Widw. Hannah Miller,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Stephen Edwards,	..	1	4	1	1	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
John Strong,	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
Abraham Conkling,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Jedediah Osborn,	1	1	4	2	..	..	..
Mary Osborn,	..	..	1	1	5	..	..
Eunice Lam,	..	..	..	1	2	..	..
Ezekeil Hand,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Gulielmus Miller,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Jacob Miller,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Jeremiah Talmage,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..
W Experience Hand,	..	..	2	2	3	..	..
Abigail Hand,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Henry Hopping,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Patrick Goold,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Edward Jones,	..	1	2	2	3	..	..
Ezekeil Jones,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ezekeil Jones, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
John Haucks,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Abraham Diamond,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Isaac Diamond,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
John Miller,	1	..	3	1	2	..	..
L^{t} John Miller,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Abraham Hand,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Cap^{t} John Dayton,	..	3	1	2	3	1	..
Daniel Dayton,	1	2	2	2	..	1	..
Stephen Stratton,	1	..	1	2	1	..	..
Matthew Stratton,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
John Parsons, Jun^{r},	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
John Parsons 3^{d},	1	1	1	1	1	..	..
Edward Wick,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
John Parsons 5th,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
William Mulford,	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Elisha Davis,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cap^{t} John Davis,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Stratton,	..	1	..	2	1	..	1
Jeremiah Parsons,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
M^{rs} Abigail Dayton,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Henry Hopping, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Mulford Conkling,	..	2	1	2	2	..	..
Ludlam Parsons,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Robert Sheffield,	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Zopher Wood,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Josiah Carey,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Joseph Conkling,	1	1	2	2	4	1	1
William Gagger,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Nancy Gardiner,	..	..	1	1	1	..	..
Ananias Conkling,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Joseph Conkling, Jun^{r},	..	2	1	2	3	..	..
Clark Troomon,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Hand,	..	3	4	2	3	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
David Russel,.....	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
William Loper,.....	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Amos Loper,.....	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Elias Hand,.....	..	1	1	2	..	..	..
John Gavett,.....	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Ebenezer Hedges,.....	..	1	1	3	1	..	..
Isaac Vanscoy,.....	..	2	1	2	3	..	..
Samuel Ranger,.....	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Jeremiah Terry,.....	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Jushua Larkin,.....	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Nathaniel Domini,.....	1	..	1	1	1	..	..
Henry Dominy,.....	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Field,.....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Jeremiah Bennit,.....	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Joseph Edwards,.....	1	2	1	1	1	..	..
Zebulon Bennett,.....	1	..	1	2	1	..	..
James Field,.....	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Lester,.....	..	1	4	1	1	..	..
John Parsons, 4th,.....	..	2	3	2	2	..	..
John Parsons,.....	1	3	3	1	1	2	..
Wido. Hannah Miller,.....	..	..	1	3	1	1	..
David Miller,.....	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Elisha Miller,.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Gamaliel Bennit,.....	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Edward Bennit,.....	..	1	4	1	1	..	..
Richard King,.....	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Daniel King,.....	..	3	3	2	1	..	..
David Talmage,.....	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
Timothy Miller,.....	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
William Eyre,.....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
George Miller,.....	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Stephen Cooper,.....	1	..	2	1	3	..	..
Stephen Cooper, Junr.,.....	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Hedges,.....	1	..	1	1	1	..	..
Philep Hedges,.....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Jacob Hand,.....	1	2	3	3	3	..	..
Jeremiah Conkling,.....	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Sinens Dibble,.....	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Merrey Parsons,.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Nathan Miller,.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
John Gardiner, Jnr.,.....	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Joseph Miller,.....	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
Total, ...	69	249	297	341	294	45	22

I, John Stratton, do Swear that the aforegoing List contains a true and faithfull account of the Number of Inhabitants within the Distriet of East Hampton in the County of Suffolk and Province of New York, according to the best information that I have been able to obtain by applying at each dwelling house, and by all other ways and means in my Power; within the Said District.

Sworn before me the 26th day of June 1776. JOHN STRATTON.

JOHN GARDINER, *Justice.*

Islip Township.

Names of Heads of Families in the Precinct of Islip.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Daniel Wheeler,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Jacob baker,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah terry,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Zebulon homan,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
William morris,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
James morris,	1	..	1	1	1	..	..
James morris, Juner,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Obediah green,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
john green,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
William terry,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
John Edward,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Moubray Smith,	..	2	6	2	2	..	..
Micah Wheeler,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Widow bigs,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Caleb Wood,	1	1	1	1	2	..	..
William Smith,	1	2	2	3	3	..	..
Benajah Strong,	..	2	1	2	2	3	2
jacob willets, Junr,	..	1	..	1	..	..	1
jacob willets, Senr,	1	4	3	2	1	1	1
Zebulon Saxton,	..	1	2	4	1	..	..
john Moubray,	1	1	1	4	1	1	..
Israel Howell,	1	2	3	5	1	..	..
Nathaniel Smith,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Plat Smith,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Joshua buffet,	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
David Willits,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
john Scudder,	1	..	..	..	..	2	4
Isaac Thomson,	..	1	1	1	..	2	3
Ebenezer bower,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Caleb Saxton,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
William Nicol,	1	1	1	2	1	8	7
james Smith,	..	2	2	2	1	2	..
Richard Willets,	1	1	1	3	..	4	1
jacob Willets, second,	..	2	3	1	1	..	..
Adonigah Underhill,	..	1	1	2	1	1	3
Joseph Udall,	1	1	1	3	2	5	3
Lendly Murry,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
jacob Dow,	..	1	4	1	..	..	..
jonathan Burch,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Nathaniel Oakley,	1	2	..	2	2	..	..
Samuel mussey,	1	1	1	5	4	..	..
jesse Rogers,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Samuel Carmon,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Isaac Noaks,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Timothy whelor,	1	4	3	3	2	..	..
Thomas Whlor,	1	2	1	3	..	..	..
Caleb Newton,	..	2	2	2	2	1	..
Timothy Smith,	..	2	5	2	1	2	2
Silas Smith,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..

Islip — Continued.

Names of heads of Families in the Precinct of Islip.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Joseph blidenburgh,	1	1	2	2	..	..	..
Joseph blidenburgh, Junr,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..
John Hudson,	1	..	5	1	..	..	..
The total Sum,	19	64	84	88	60	33	27

taken by me, JOHN MOUBRAY.

I John Mobray do swear that the aforegoing List contains a true, faithfull account of the number of Inhabitants within the said Precint of Islip in the County of Suffolk in the Colony of New York, according to the best Information, that I have been able to obtain by applying at each dwelling house, and by all the ways and means in my power within the said District.

JOHN MOUBRAY.

June 26, 1776.
Sworn to before me,
ISAAC THOMPSON, J.

Names of Heads of families in Southampton, West.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.			
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age.	Females under 16 years of age.
Silvanus White,	1	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..
Stephen Reeves,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hennery Herrick,	..	2	1	1	1	..	.	..	..
Stephen Foster,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
William White,	1	1	3	3	2	..	..	..	..
Jonathan Halsey,	..	2	5	1	3	..	..	..	..
William Wolley,	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Widow Bethiah Foster,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..
Benjamin Foster,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
John Sayrs,	1	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
David Howell, Junr,	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan Clark,	1	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..
Joseph Goldsmith,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..
John Howell,	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
John Howell,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..
Stephen Foster, Junr,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Daniell Sanford,	..	2	4	1	2	..	..	..	..
Daniel Brown,	..	2	2	1	5	..	..	..	..
Widow Mary White,	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Charls White,	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..

Southampton, West.—Continued.

Names of heads of families in Southampton, West.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.			
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age	Females under 16 years of age
Lemuel Halsey,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..
Ebenezer White,	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..
Joseph Goodel,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..	..	..
Lemuel Jennings,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
Elisha Halsey,	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Samuel Halsey,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
Daniel Hildref,	..	2	2	1	3	..	..	..	..
Joseph Hildref,	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	..
William Foster,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	1	..
Zebulon Halsey,	..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Elias White,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Joshua Halsey,	..	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Howell,	..	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..
Jonathon Howell,	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Thomas Jones,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Abraham Cooper,	1	1	3	1	3	..	..	..	..
Widow Abiah Peiree,	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Elias Howell,	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Elias Howell, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Widow Eunice Howell,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Doc. Silas Halsey,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	..
William Jager,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Jager, Jun^{r},	..	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Jager,	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..
Samuell Cooper,	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Samuell Cooper, Jun^{r},	..	1	2	1	1	..	1	1	..
Zebulon Wyck,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Zopher Cooper,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..
Beniamin Cooper,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ebenezer Jager,	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
James Jager,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Jager,	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Nathaniel Jager,	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Samuell Jager,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Samuell Jager, Jun^{r},	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Elias Pierson,	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
Josiah Jager,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hennery Post,	..	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..
Stephen Jager, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Joshuah Sayrs,	..	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Iekabud Sayrs,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Elias Foster,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Post, Jun^{r},	..	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
James Post,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Joseph Post,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Post,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Isaac Post, Esq^{r},	1	1	..	3	2	1	..	..	..
Joseph Post, Jun^{r},	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
John Bushop,	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..

Southampton, West—Continued.

Names of heads of families in Southampton, West.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.			
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age.	Females under 16 years of age.
John Bushop, Jun^{r},	.	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Samuel Bushop,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
James Bushop,	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Joseph Jager,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Widdow Ruth Smith,	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	1
Stephen Jesup,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..
Lemuell Howell,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Timothy Bushop,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cornelius Halsey,	1	2	3	4	3	..	..	1	..
William Stephens,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
John Bushop,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Isaac Smith,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Jesup,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Jesup, Jun^{r},	..	3	..	1	6	..	..	..	..
Elithan Topping,	..	1	4	3	3	..	..	..	..
Jonah Bower,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Widow Charity Albertson,	..	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	..
Jonathan Russel,	..	2	3	1	3	..	..	..	..
Daniel Foster,	1	..	2	2	2	1	..	..	..
Stephen Fordom,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Willam Rainor,	1	2	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
Calvin Coock,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phinaus Fordom,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Grant Bower,	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..
James Rogers,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
Jonah Halsey,	1	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..
Thomas Jesup, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Hennery Jesup,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Cap^{t} Josiah Howell,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	1
Jonathan Coock,	..	1	3	1	2	1	..	..	..
Cap^{t} John Post,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Josiah Foster,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	..
Nathan Herrick,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	2
Matthew Howell,	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..
Elisha Howell,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Luess Howell,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Howell ye third,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Elias Cooper,	..	2	3	1	2	..	..	1	1
Maj George Herrick,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Daniell Bushop,	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
Jonas Foster,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
James Bruster,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lemuel Mapes,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Simeon Babcock,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	.
Ellis Squiar,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..
James Fanning,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
Isaac Liskom,	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Isaac Penney,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
David Monrow, Jun^{r},	..	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age.	Females under 16 years of age.
Josiah Goodel,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
John Albrson,	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Homan,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..
Hugh Rayner,	..	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..
Elihu Rayner,	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	
Stephen Jager, Esq^{r},	1	..	5	4	2	2	..	1	2
Nathaniell Howell,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bethiah Babcock,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Henery Ludlam,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
Stephen Rogers,	1	2	2	4	..	..	1	..	..
Daniel Bruster,	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Widow Hannah Smith,	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Culver,	1	1	2	3	2	..	..	..	..
Silas Ludlam,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
Thomas Norris,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
James Norris,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
William Phillips,	1	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Joseph Rogers,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Silas Skillenger,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Jacob Orsborn,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
John Tuttel,	..	2	5	2	1	..	..	..	..
Jess Culver,	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Moses Culver,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Zedediah Foster,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..	..	..
Zephniah Culver,	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Prudance Foster,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Joseph Sayrs,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Reeves, Ju^{r},	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Culver, Ju^{r},	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..
Ebnezer Howell,	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Jonah Howell,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Jonah Howell,	..	1	3	2	2	..	..	..	..
Christopher Lupton,	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan Reeves,	..	1	1	2	5	..	..	..	..
Ebnezer Culver,	1	..	2	3	1	..	..	..	..
John Reeves,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
David Reeves,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Stephen Reeves, Jur.,	..	1	2	2	3	..	..	..	..
Thomas Coper, Esq^{r},	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Caleb Cooper,	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Stephen Rogers,	1	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Timothy Peirson,	..	1	3	3	3	..	..	..	..
Abraham Fordom,	1	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	..
John White, Ju^{r},	..	2	4	2	2	..	..	..	..
John White,	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	.	..
David Rainor,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
John Fowlar,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Joseph Lomedue,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
William Jones,	1	1	2	2	3	2	..	..	..

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Names of heads of families in Southampton, West.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.			
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age	Females under 16 years of age
Zebulon Howell,	1	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
Eleanor Jacobs, widow,	..	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
Elias Pelletreau,	1	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Widow Zeruiah Hunting,	..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Isaac Halsey,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Daniell Harris,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Joseph Marshel,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
Zebulon Cooper,	1	..	4	2	2	..	..	..	..
James Culver,	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..
James Halsey,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Moses Halsey,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
Isaiah Halsey,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
David Burnet,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	..
Joseph Burnet,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Mathew Sayrs,	..	1	5	3	1	..	..	..	..
Silas Halsey,	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	1
Henery Smith,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Widow Hannah Halsey,	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
David Howell,	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..
Stephen Howell,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Samuell Howell,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Christofor Foster,	..	1	5	2	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan Foster,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..
Samuell Jones,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
Widow Debroah Parnal,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Timothy Howell,	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Gushon Culver, Ju^{r},	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
William Culver,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Gushom Culver,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ichabud Sayrs, Ju^{r},	..	1	3	2	2	..	..	..	..
Samuell Howell, Ju^{r},	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Stephen Post,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..
Obadiah Jones,	1	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Capt. David Howell,	..	2	3	1	2	..	1	..	..
Mjr. Uriah Rogers,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Jeremiah Rogers,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..
John Halsey,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
George Mackee,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Thomas Stephen,	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	1
Thomas Stephen, Jur.,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Michaiah Herrick,	..	1	3	3	1	1	..	..	1
Silvanus Howell,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
David Mackee,	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..
Silas Howell,	1	..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..
Hugh Gelston,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Thomas Jesup,	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Nathan Jager, Jur.,	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Ryal Howell,	..	2	2	2	3	..	..	..	..
Jediah Howell,	1	1	..	4	3	1	..	..	..

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	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Males above 16 years of age.	Males under 16 years of age.	Females above 16 years of age.	Females under 16 years of age.
Obadiah Howell,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stephen Raynor,	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Gidion Fordom,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
Adoniah Rainor,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..
Cap^{t} Obadiah Rogers,	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	1	1
Zephniah Rogers,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
Nemiah Sayrs,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Abraham Sayrs,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	..
Widow Jane Bell Rose,	..	..	1	4	1	..	..	..	..
Samuell Clark,	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
Elisha Clark,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
Charles Wolley,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Silvanus Jennings,	..	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..
William Jennigs,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Elias Jennings,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
John Lum,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
David Hayns Foster,	..	1	3	3	2	..	..	..	..
Samuel Jennings, Jnr,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Samuel Jennings,	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
James Jennings,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
John Hutson,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
John Willomson,	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Hennery Harris,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hennery Harris, Jnr,	..	2	2	3	2	..	..	..	..
Joseph Rug,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..
Stephen Jennings,	..	1	4	2	2	..	..	..	..
Anthony Hayne,	1	2	3	3	4	..	..	..	..
Bethuel Reeves,	..	2	3	2	1	..	..	..	..
David Rose,	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Jaeson Scott,	1	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	..
George Harris,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..
John Harris,	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..
John Hayns,	1	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..
Zebulon Jennings,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..

SOUTHAMPTON, July y^{e} 22 : 1776.

Then appeared before me Hugh Gelston and Declared that the within List of Inhabitants of the town abovesaid westward of a place called the Water mill Is a true List.

THO^{s} COOPER, *Chairman.*

Southampton, East.

Names of the heads of families in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Males & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Ezekiel Howell,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
Daniel Howell, Esq.,	1	2	2	2	1	..	..
John Gelston,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Peter Hildrith, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Stephen Topping,	1	1	..	1	1	1	..
Charles Topping,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Silvanus Topping,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Silvanus Topping, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	3	..	..
Josiah Peirson,	1	..	1	1	2	..	..
Matthew Peirson,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Silvanus Peirson,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Lewis Stambrough,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Eleazor Stambrough,	1	1	..	2	..	..	..
Thomas Stambrough	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Nathan Peirson,	1	1	..	1	1	1	1
Abraham Peirson,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Matthew Peirson, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jedidiah Peirson,	..	2	3	1	3	1	..
Jotham Smith,	..	2	..	1	2	..	..
Jonathon Hedges, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Zebulon Peirson,	1	2	1	1	3	1	..
Job Peirson,	1	..	..	1	..	2	..
Capt. David Pierson,	..	1	..	1	3	1	..
Abraham Howell,	..	1	2	1	1	2	4
Henry Moore,	..	1	1	1	2	..	..
Lemuel Peirson,	1	1	1	2	2	..	..
Lemuel Peirson, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	1	2	1
Lemuel Peirson, 3d,	..	3	..	1	2	2	3
David Peirson, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Ebenezer Dains,	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Paul Dains,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Wade,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Daniel Peirson,	..	2	1	1	4	..	..
Doct^{r} Benj. Chapin,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
John Loper,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
James Loper,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Samuel Clark,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
Elisha Clark,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Silas Jessup,	..	1	3	1	2	..	1
Joshua Rogers,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
Abraham Squire,	..	1	..	1	5	..	..
Widow Rogers,	..	1	..	1	4	..	..
Peter King,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
William Nickerson,	1	..	1	2	..	..	..
Daniel Albertson,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Zebulon Thomson,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Joshua Bud,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Gerandeus Drake,	1	1	1	1	3	..	..
Joseph Russell,	1	..	..	1	3	..	..

Southampton, East — Continued.

Names of heads of families in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Peter Pain,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Daniel Pain,	1	3	1	3	..	..	..
David Stambrough,	..	1	1	3	..	..	..
Stephen Stambrough,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
John Edwards,	1	2	1	5	2	..	..
Lieut. W^{m} Havens,	..	1	2	3	1	..	..
Silas Stuart,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..
Benjamin Chappel,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Benjamin Chase,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Anthony Sherman,	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
Nathan Fordham, Esq^{r},	1	1	..	2	1	2	..
John Woodruff,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Eunice Quithell,	..	..	1	1	3	..	..
Grover L'Hommedieu,	..	2	2	1	4	..	..
Capt^{n} Sam^{l} L'Hommedieu,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Joseph Gibbs,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..
John Foster,	1	1	4	3	2	2	..
Nathan Post	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Obadiah Gildersleeve,	..	3	2	3	1	..	..
Jonah Sandford,	..	2	..	2	1	..	..
Matthew Hallsey,	1	2	5	4	3	..	..
Stephen Sandford,	1	1	..	1	1	..	..
Zecheriah Sandford,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Thomas Gelston,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
John Corwithe,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Henry Brown,	..	1	..	..	4	..	..
Wid^{w} Martha Brown,	..	1	..	4	..	..	..
Beriah Dayton,	1	1	1	2	..	..	..
Wid^{w} Mary Hallsey,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Dan^{l} Woodruff,	..	1	1	1	..	..	1
James Cook,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Maltby Gelston, Esq^{r},	1	1	..	3	1	1	..
Edward Topping,	..	1	2	3	4	..	..
David Gelston, Esq.,	..	1	1	1	1	2	2
John Hill,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Josiah Stambrough, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
David Corwithe,	1	1	2	2	2	..	..
Doct^{r} Henry White,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Timothy Edwards,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Wid^{w} Jemima Culvers,	..	2	..	2	..	..	..
Ebenezer Edwards,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Isaac Loper,	..	1	3	3	..	..	..
David Woodruff,	1	1	..	2	..	2	..
David Woodruff, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Silas Woodruff,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
John Hallsey,	..	1	..	1	..	..	1
Benjamin Woodruff,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Jeremiah Stratton,	1	1	..	4	2	..	..
Silvanus Sandford,	..	1	..	1	..	..	1

Southampton, East—Continued.

Names of Heads of families in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES. Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Benjamin Wooley,	..	2	2	1	2	..	..
David Rogers,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
David Hains,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Matthew Jagger,	1	1	..	2	1	1	..
Josiah Hallsey,	..	1	3	1	1	1	1
Eathan Topping,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Doctor Stephen Hallsey,	..	1	2	1	4	..	..
Daniel Talmage,	1	2	..	1	..	..	..
Widow Hanah Hallsey,	..	3	..	4	1	..	..
Abraham Rose,	..	1	3	2	..	1	1
Dea[n] James Hains,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Samuel Hains,	..	1	2	1	..	1	..
James Hains, Jun[r],	..	1	2	3	5	..	..
Henry Hallsey,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Rev[d] James Brown,	1	..	1	4	1	1	2
David Cooper,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Silas Cooper,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
David Cook,	1	1	3	2	..	..	..
John Rogers,	..	1	1	1	2	1	..
William Roger's Widow,	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Jonathan Rogers,	..	1	..	1	1	1	..
Capt. William Rogers,	..	1	2	1	1	1	1
Nath[l] Rogers,	..	2	1	1	3	..	..
Jonah Tarbell,	1	1	2	1	1	..	..
Stephen Squire,	..	1	4	1	1	..	..
Stephen Rose,	..	1	3	2	1	..	..
Moses Rose,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Wilmur Hallsey,	..	1	..	1	1	..	2
Ezekeil Rose,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Jeremiah Ludlom,	..	1	..	1	4	..	..
Joel Sandford,	1	1	3	2	3	..	..
W[m] Ludlom,	1	..	..	4	..	..	..
David Hallsey,	..	1	3	1	6	1	..
Isaac Howell,	..	1	3	1	4	..	..
Phebe Morehouse,	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Frederack Howell & Sister,	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Silas & Zephant[s] Sandford,	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Benjamin Spicer,	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Henry Norris,	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Widow Hanah Hallsey,	..	2	..	2	1	..	..
Wd. Mary Smith,	..	1	1	2	1	..	..
Silas Topping,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Kenny,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..
Henry Sandford,	1	1	..	4	..	..	..
Benoni Flint,	..	1	3	3	1	..	..
Stephen Peirson,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Theophilus Peirson,	..	1	3	1	2	..	..
Hezekiah Bower,	..	1	1	2	2	..	..
Zechariah Peirson,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..

Southampton, East — Continued.

Names of heads of families in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Samuel White,	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
David Topping,	1	2	..	2	1	..	..
Colo^{l} Jonathan Hedges,	1	2	3	3	2	..	..
Silas White,	1	1	2	2	1	2	..
Deac^{n} David Hedges,	..	2	5	1	1	4	..
Lieut. Daniel Hedges,	..	2	3	1	2	2	..
Stephen Hedges,	..	1	3	1	2	2	1
Timothy Peirson,	..	1	..	2	2	..	..
Stephen Topping, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	1	1
Daniel Topping, Jun^{r},	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Joseph Topping,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
John Norris,	1	1	..	3	1	..	..
David Hand,	..	3	3	4	..	1	1
Peter Hildreth,	1	1	..	4	..	..	..
Nathan Flint,	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Benjamin Sayre, Jun^{r},	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Benjamin Sayre,	1	1	1	2	1	..	..
Henry Topping,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Josiah Stambrough,	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abraham Cook,	1	..	1	1	1	..	..
David Sayre,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..
Seth Howell,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Nathan Norris,	1	1	..	3	..	..	..
Nathan Norris, Jun^{r},	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Daniel Moore,	1	..	1	3	..	..	..
Joseph Moore,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
George Fordham,	..	1	4	3	3	..	..
Silas Norris,	..	3	2	1	2	..	..
Colo^{l} John Hulbert,	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
Timothy Matthews,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..
Josiah Cooper,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Lemuel Howell,	1	2	..	3	..	2	4
John Hudson,	..	2	1	1	..	..	..
Uriah Miller,	..	2	2	1	1	..	..
Jonathan Conkling,	..	1	2	1	3	..	..
Daniel Fordham,	..	2	5	2	1	1	..
Jonathan Hill,	..	1	1	2	4	..	..
Benjamin Coleman,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
James Storer,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Wid. Temprance Foster,	..	2	1	1	3	..	..
Timothy Hedges,	..	2	2	2	2	..	..
James Howell,	..	1	1	1	4	..	..
James Wiggins,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Silvanus Wick,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Wid. Eliz Hicks,	..	..	2	1	1	..	..
Wid. Hanah Latham,	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Wid. Sarah Bowditch,	..	..	..	1	2	..	..
Wid. Sarah Tarbell,	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Hubbard Latham,	..	1	3	1	3	..	..

Southampton, East — Continued.

Names of Heads of familys in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Edward Conkling,	..	1	2	3	3	..	..
David Sayre,	..	3	1	1	1	..	..
Jeremiah Gardiner,	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
William Button,	..	1	3	3	1	..	..
Ephraim Fordham,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Benjamin Price,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
William Hallock,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Braddock Correy,	..	1	4	2	1	..	..
William Davall,	1	2	2	4	..	..	..
George Havens,	1	2	1	2	1	..	..
Alexander King,	1	..	1	4	..	..	..
Benjamin King,	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
Constant Havens,	..	1	5	2	2	1	..
Benjamin Crook	..	1	4	2	1	..	..
Alexander King, Junr,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Daniel Havens,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Joseph Havens,	..	1	3	..	1	..	..
Docr Jonathan Havens,	..	1	5	1	2	2	..
John Pain,	..	2	2	3	4	..	..
Samuel King,	..	1	2	1	2	..	..
Joshua Hildreth,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
James Hildreth,	1	1	1	2	2	1	..
Widow Sarah Rogers,	..	..	2	3	1	..	..
Mitchel Cook,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
David Sandford,	1	4	..	4	1	..	..
Stephen Hallsey,	..	2	2	3	2	..	..
Capt. John Sandford,	1	1	3	4	3	..	..
Ezekeil H. Sandford,	1	2	1	2	1	..	..
David Howell,	..	1	..	2	2	1	..
Henry Howell,	..	1	..	1	3	1	..
Elias Hallsey,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Elias Cook,	1	1	..	2	..	1	1
Elias Cook, Junr,	..	1	3	1	..	..	..
Philip Howell,	..	1	2	2	2	..	..
Samuel Howell,	..	1	3	1	..	..	1
John Hildreth,	..	3	2	3	3	..	1
Thomas Cooper,	1	..	..	1	..	2	1
Ananias Cooper,	1	1	1	3	..	..	..
David Lupton,	1	1	..	2	1	..	..
Burnet Corwithe,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
John Cook,	1	1	..	1	2	3	..
Widow Anne Pain,	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Anthony Ludlom,	..	1	..	1	3	1	..
Thomas Sandford, Esq.,	1	1	..	2	1	1	..
Paul Hallsey,	..	1	2	1	3	..	1
Widow Phebe Hallsey,	..	1	1	3	..	..	..
Timothy Hallsey,	..	3	4	3	1	..	1
Elias Sandford,	..	1	4	1	2	..	..
Abraham Sanford,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..

Southampton, East — Continued.

Names of heads of families in Southampton, East.	MALES.			FEMALES.		NEGROES, Male & Fem.	
	Above 50 years of age.	Above 16 and under 50 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.	Above 16 years of age.	Under 16 years of age.
Walter Howell,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Theophilus Hallsey,	..	1	..	1	2	..	..
Thomas Topping,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Jonathan Welding,	..	1	1	1	3	..	..
Wid^{w} Mehitabel Mitchel,	..	..	2	1	..	1	..
Joshua Howell,	1	2	..	1	1	..	..
Phineas Howell,	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Daniel Hains,	..	1	3	1	2	1	..
Isaac Jessup,	..	1	2	1	1	..	..
Nathaniel Jessup,	1	1	..	1	..	1	..
Wid^{w} Mary Tuthill,	..	..	..	1	4	..	..
Jonathan Pain,	1	2	2	5	..	..	..
Samuel Havens,	..	1	2	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Allen,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Benjamin Hunt,	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Elnathan Wood,	1	..	1	1	1	..	..
Duncan McCallum,	..	3	3	2	1	..	..
Samuel Wheeting,	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Jeremiah Hallsey,	..	1	3	1	3	1	..
Daniel Topping,	1	1	3	2	3	..	..
	75	290	318	407	340	68	35

I John Gelston do swear that the aforegoing List Contains a True and faithful account of the Number of Inhabitants within the Eastern District of Southampton in the County of Suffolk and Colony of New York, according to the best information that I have been able to obtain by applying at each Dwelling House or by All other ways and means in my Power within the said District.

JOHN GELSTON.

Sworn before me the 4th July, 1776.

DAVID GELSTON,

Jus: Peace.

Examination of John Simpson, Master of the Ship Saville.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 53.]

White Plains in Westchester County, July 6th 1776.

John Simpson of the County of Northumberland in England aged about thirty eight about five feet ten Inches light Eyes and brown hair, being examined says that he sailed from London in the Ship Saville himself Master bound for Boston with a Cargo of Provisions for the Ministerial Navy—where he arrived in November last and was detained at Boston untill the Army under Genl Howe left that Place for Hallifax. that he saild from Hallifax with Genl Howes Fleet and on their arrival at the Narrows one of his Boats went adrift on which he with three of his Sailors took another boat and went in quest of her & on their coming near Long Island shore were taken Prisoners and brought up to New York from whence he was sent to this place.

Examinations of James Auchmuty and others.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 579, 580, 581, 582.]

White Plains in Westchester County, July 6th 1776.

James Auchmuty Esqr of Boston being examined saith

That he together with his Wife & Child sailed from Halifax on the 10th of June last in a Transport Sloop called the Charlotte whereof Cox was Master bound for New York. That on friday last the said Sloop was taken by Capt Rogers in an American Armed Sloop called the Montgomerie & carried into fire Island Inlet on the south side of long Island & from thence with his said wife & Child was sent prisoners to this place. That this Examinant was appointed by Genl Howe Store keeper to the Engineers & that the pay allowed him was four shilling Sterlg per Day with the promise of its being augmented to five. That the Fleet of which the Charlotte Transport was one—amounted to about one hundred and thirty Sail. That the Army on Board the said Fleet consisted of near Ten thousand men exclusive of Marines as he the examinant understood. That it was reported at Hallifax that Lord Howe with the German Troops were intended for New York. That it was said Eleven thousand regular Troops went with Genl Burgoine to Quebec. That the said Sloop Charlotte was laden with Intrenching Tools some Spikes, *Cheveau de frise* & some Mantulets. JAMES AUCHMUTY.

White Plains, Westchester County, July 6th 1776.

Thomas Remington Harris an Inhabitant of the City of London Masters Mate on board the Savage Sloop of War, being examined Saith—

That he was taken Prisoner on Staten Island by a party of Rifle men on the 7th of April last and brought to the City of New York where he was confined in Goal till yesterday when he was sent to this place a prisoner.

THOS REMINGTON HARRIS.

William Metcalf born near Bristol in Old England of the age of twenty about five feet two inches high well set light Eyes fair Complection & brown Hair & a Cast in his right Eye some what pitted with the small Pox being examined says

That he was a Midshipman on board the Savage Sloop of War being of a party sent on Shore at Staten Island. was taken Prisoner on the 7th of April last brought to New York & now sent to this Place. WM METCALFE.

Joseph Woolcomb a native of Topsham in Devonshire in Old England being examined says

He was formerly Mate on board the Ship blue Mountain Valley a Transport Ship; was cast away in the Ship Sally on the South side of Long Island (bound to Boston) taken prisoner and sent to New York and from thence to this place. he is about five feet eight Inches in height—light Eyes & Complection light brown hair & well set. JOS WOOLCOMBE.

White Plains, Westchester County July 6th 1776.

Richard Bruere second Son of Govr Bruere of the Island of Bermuda being examined Saith

That he is at present a Midshipman of the Navy of Great Britain; that he was to be made an acting Lieutenant on board the Merlin Sloop of War. That he sail'd from Hallifax about the Tenth of June last in one of the Engineers Sloops of which he was part owner bound to Sandy Hook. That the said Sloop was taken on fryday or Saturday last on the South side of Long Island by Capt Rogers of an american Armed Sloop & carried into fire Island Inlent & from thence was sent prisoner to this Place. RD BRUERE.

Saml Cox a native of the Island of Bermuda Master of the Sloop Charlotte abt five feet ten Inches high—brown Complection—light Eyes brown hair abt Twenty five years of age being examined Says

He sail'd from Hallifax as Master of the said Sloop on the tenth of June last with a Cargo of Intrenching Tools &c for the use of the Ministerial Army & bound to Sandy Hook, that he was taken in the sd Sloop on the 28th last month by Capt Rogers in an american Armed Sloop & carried into fire Island Inlet on the So side of Long Island from whence he was brought Prisoner to this Place.

SAML COX.

White Plains, Westchester County July 6th 1776.

Wm Elder a North Briton abt five feet eight Inches in hight aged Twenty five, light Eyes, fair complection, & dark brown Hair, being examined Says

He came from Scotland via Falmouth in the Packet last Spring was a year—that he came out as a Voluntier with Colo Allen McClean who on his arrival went to Boston that the examt recd a Letter from Major Small Informing this examint that Coll McClean had recommended & requested him to come to Boston—That the Examint took passage in the Ship Sally bound to Boston that on the 6 of March last the sd ship was cast away on the South side of Long Island & taken Prisoner, and brought to New York where he remained a Prisoner till yesterday when he was sent a prisoner to this Place. WILL ELDER.

William McDermoth, an Hibernian, aged Twenty two abt five feet Six Inches high, fair Complection, light Eyes, & light brown Hair being examined says.—

That on his Passage from New York (he having been for some time on board the Asia) he was cast away on board the Ship Sally on the So side of Long Island, taken and sent a Prisoner to New York where he remained a Prisoner untill yesterday when he was sent to this Place WM McDERMOTT.

Bond to Refund Money lent to erect a Powder-house.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 27.]

Know all men by these presence that we John Carpenter of the precint of Cornwell in the County of Orange and province of New York Yeoman and Colvill Carpenter of the precint of Goshen County and province afores[d] yeoman are held and firmly bound unto Isaac Roosevelt, Nathaniel Woodhull, Abraham Yates Junior, John Thomas Junr, Petrus Ten Broeck, John Harring and Jacobus Bruyn in the just and full sum of Four Hundred pounds current money of New York to be paid to the said Isaac Roosevelt, Nathaniel Woodhull, Abraham Yates Junior, John Thomas Jun, Petrus Ten Broeck, John Harring and Jacobus Bruyn or to their survivor or survivors or any futor Congress to which payments well & trewly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, Execurs and Admrs Joyntly & Severly firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals Dated the Eighth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden John Carpenter and Colvill Carpenter them or either of them their or either of their heirs

Execu[trs] Ad[mrs] or any of them shall do well and trewly pay or cause to be paid unto the above mentioned Isaac Roosevelt, Nathaniel Woodhull, Abraham Yates Junior, John Thomas Jun, Petrus Ten Broeck, John Harring or Jacobus Bruyn or either of them or either of their survivor or survivors or any futer Congress the just & full Sum of Two Hundred pounds currant money afores[d] on the eighth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand seven Hundred and seventy Eight without any fraud or other delay then this obligation to be void or else to remain in force and virtue.

JOHN CARPENTER. [SEAL.]
COLVILL CARPENTER. [SEAL.]

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of
HENRY WISNER, Jun.,
W[m] JACKSON.

Resignation of Lieut. Aorson and other Officers.

[Petitions, 33: 228.]

GENTLEMEN: We the Subscribers do hereby Resign the appointments we held in the Regiment lately ordered to be raised and Commanded by Lewis Duboise Esq[r] for the following Reasons —

First we have been ungenerously superseded which the old arrangment of officers made by the Provincial Congress will fully evince, for we assert that the youngest Lieutenant in the Third Regiment to which M[r] Duboise blong'd appointed a Capt[n] over the heads of the first Lieutenants of the first & other Regiments likewise that Serjeants & Corporals who went out in said third Regiment have superseded officers who bore Commissions in the last Campaign.

NEW YORK July 8, 1776.

AARON AORSON, Lieut.
JONATHAN PEARSE, Lieut.
RICHARD PLATT, Lieut.
DAN[L] GANO, Lieut.
GARRET H. VAN WAGENER.

To the Honourable the Provincial Congress.

Certificate of the Erection of Mr. Livingston's Powder Mill.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 349.]

IN GENERAL COMMITTEE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, July 9[th] 1776.

This is to Certify that John R. Livingston proved to the satisfaction of this Committee by his own Affidavit and the Affidavits of the principal Millwright and principal Manufacturer that his Powder Mill in this County was compleated before the 20[th] Day of May last and that the Quantity of one thousand pounds of good Marchantable Gun Powder was Manufactured at the said Mill in one week or Seven days successively. By Order of the Committee,

EGB[T] BENSON, *Chairman.*

Entered at length on the Minutes.

Petition of Prisoners from Long Island.

[Petitions, 33: 220.]

To the Honorable Provincial Congress of the Province of New York.

GENTLEMEN: The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants upon Long Island in said Province, Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioners were taken Prisoners by a Millitary Power and confin'd in Goal in the City of New York which confinement your Petitioners apprehend to be

occasioned by some mistaken opinion of their Political Principals. They hereby beg leave to assure the Honb^le^ Congress that they nor neither of them have by any ways or means whatsoever directly or indirectly given or offered any aid assistance or information to the Army or Navy of the King of Great Britain relative to the dispute now subsisting between Great Britain & these Colonies.

That your Petitioners are all Tradesmen and Farmers, and at this season of the year in Particular their business must greatly suffer by reason of their absence.

Therefore your Petioners most humbly pray that in Tender compassion to their health their Family & Circumstances your Hon^rs^ will take their case under consideration and cause them to be discharged or otherwise suffer them to be brought before your Hon^rs^ that they may know of what they are accused of and what is Expected of them to do. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

New York, July 10^th^ 1776.

Joseph Blanchard, Residing in the City of New York,
Thomas Fleet,
William M^c^Coun,
John Fleet,
Elijah Rainar,
Benjamin Pettit,
Joseph Dorlon,
Nathanel Smith,
Joseph Bedell,
Henry Dorland,
Andrew Allen,
Ezekel Peanes (or Ranes),
Jacob Lamberson,
Richard Smith,
Townsend Weekes,
John Hutcheons,
Daniel Smith,
John Carman,
Samuel Townsend,
Peter Wheeler.

Deposition.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 521.]

In Committee of Safety, White Plains, 12^th^ July, 1776.

M^r^ ——— being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelest of Almighty God, Deposeth and Says, That some time after W^m^ Sutton returned Home from Gouv^r^ Tryon' ship He this Deponent was informed by said Sutton as follows—That our people were to be cut off from New York & that the Kings Forces were to land about ten miles from Mamaroneck—that Hudsons river was to be occupied by them. That the Fleet was to be drawn up in a line before New York with intent to keep the Forces there in Action, in order to give the Transports a better opportunity of running up the North River with intent to cut off the Communication between the County & City—that the Kings Standard was to be hoisted & that then the Tories would have a Chance.

That said Sutton further informed this Deponent that Robert Sutton of Long Island would join the Regulars with Seven Hundred men well equip'd—that a Proclamation would be issued out by the Kings Party, that then the People would know what they had to expect & that there would be Forty five thousand Troops sent over to America this summer. And this Deponent says that he heard Jn^o^ Sutton son of the aforesaid W^m^ declare that the Regulars would land between Mamaroneck and Horse Neck & that he would join them. And this Deponent further says that he heard James Horton say that he was sure the Ministerial army would Conquer us & that matters would soon be settled & further says not.

By order of the Committee,
JOHN THOMAS, Jun^r^ *Chair^m^*

This Committee are of opinion that the within Deponent is a Person whose Evidence may be relyed upon—they never hearing of any thing that might give them a contrary Opinion

By order of the Committee of Safety,
JOHN THOMAS, Jun^r^ *Chairm*

Case of Capt. Sacket and other Officers.

[Petitions, 33: 224.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the State of New York.

Gentlemen: Whereas we have had the Honor to serve in the Continental Army by your appointment last year, we beg leave to mention to you a state of facts which we esteem as real *Grievances* & look up to you for Direction or Redress.

When first the dire alarm of war was sounded in our Land, we willingly stept forth & offer'd our services to our bleeding Country & were much pleased with the appointments you honor'd us with. Urg'd on by the same motives which first induced us to engage we Indur'd all the Hardships of a most severe Campaign with a pleasing Fortitude not doubting but whilst we were doing our Duty we should meet with the applause of our Country, and that an Equal Distribution of Honor would have been conferr'd on those who had not merited the reverse, But this has not been the case, a few have been promoted to high Rank, while others of equal standing & merit are superseded or entirely neglected. Among the many Instances of this Procedure that might be given the most recent is the late arrangement of the officers of a Reg^{t}, to be Commanded by Lewis Dubois Esqr. The Injustice of which will we hope fully appear to your Honorable House, if you will please to look over the Copy of the arrangement itself, which we take the liberty of inclosing to you. We humbly desire you Gentlemen to take this matter into consideration & are with due Respect (in behalf of the disbanded officers that serv'd in Canada).

Gent Your Most obed^{t} Hb^{le} Servants,

SAM^{L} SACKET.
AARON AORSON.
RICHARD PLATT.

White Plains, July 12th 1776.

Resolution of the Committee of Dutchess County.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 35.]

In General Committe, Dutchess County, July 13th 1776.

Resolved, that five of the Representatives elected for this County be a Quorum to represent the same in the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

An extract from the minutes:

REUBEN HOPKINS, *Secr*^{y}

Examination of Jacob Tyler.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 472.]

Jacob Tyley on his Examination says, that he has liv'd in the City about 18 years —was born in the City of Bristol in the Island of Great Britain—has kept a School in the City of New York about 12 years—before which Time he was in the service of M^{r} Kortright as Mate aboard of his Vessel—he has not signed any association to his knowledge—that last Saturday or a Monday there was as he heard to be a firing of all the Batteries about York, that on Tuesday he went to work in the Harvest and on Wednesday he heard there was to be a general firing of all the Batteries on account as he heard of Indepence being declar'd—that he thought the matter was defer'd until fryday—that on Fryday afternoon he went up to Leonards to drink beer and while there the Guns began to fire upon which the Company observed that they thought there was some fiting O no reply'd this examinant Tis nothing but the alarm I heard of Some Days ago when he left the House and heard more firing and said he thought the firing was from Buncker's Hill,—he then thought his wife would be frightened and therefore repar'd to the Hill in the neighborhood of his own House—when he came there some Person who he does not remember observed when another Gun was heard that there was a Ball which this Examinant denied and said he thought there was no Ball but that it was a general Salute on account of Independency—and that he knew of no ships coming up—That a Person present belong-

ing to Coll. Willis Regiment, reply'd why damn you you are a Tory when this Examinant observed he was sure it was nothing but a Salute from the Batteries and that there was no Shot. The Person then reply'd you lie you damn Tory dog, there was shot and if this Examinant said another Word he would give him a Slic in the Chops and knock his Brains out upon which this Ex reply'd it was very hard he could not be allow'd to Speek the Truth—That the Person then Said you impertinent Rascal if you dont hold your Tongu I will give you a Blow in the Chops at the same Time holding up his fist apparently for that Purpose upon that this Ex^{t} says he held his Tounge—and was going home when the Person afs^{d} Stopd him and sarched this Ex^{t} and then went & serched his House and took this Examinant Prisoner and deliverd him over to the Guard at the City Hall.

In the Presence of ——— ———. JACOB TYLER.

Certificate of the Erection of a Powder Mill.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 31.]

Goshen, 15th July 1776.

These are to certify that I was called on by John Carpenter sometime before the 10th day of June last to see that his powder mill was built & finished. I went the same day and saw his agoing and as far as I am a judg I think she went exceeding well every thing appearing to me to be in good order.

Witness my hand,
ISRAEL SEELY.

Certificate of the Qualifications of Dr. Halsey.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 486.]

This is to certify that I have this day examined Doctor Stephen Halsey & find him competently qualified to act as Surgeon of a Regiment.

Dated in New York, July 15th 1776. JOHN JONES, M. D.

Pass for Messrs. Hobart, etc.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 555.]

New York, July 16th 1776.

Permit the following Gentlemen John Sloss Hobart, Leonard Gansevoort, Lewis Graham Esqs and Colono^{l} Henry Remsen Members of the Convention of the State of New York; & John M^{c}Kesson Esq Secretary of the said Convention, to pass from New York to the said Convention at the White Plains; with a box of stamps and Plates of the late emission of the Paper Currency of the State; & some few records; & the fusees &^{c} of such of those Gentlemen who may choose to carry them.

JOHN RAY, Jun^{r}
Dep^{y} Chairman of the Gen^{l} Committe.

To all whom it may concern.

Petition for a Commission for a Privateer.

[Petitions, 33: 218.]

Sloop Independence 70 Tons Burthen 10 Carriage Guns 4 Pounders. Owners Philip Bell of Philadelphia, Isaac Sears, Samuel Broome & C^{o} & John Broome of New York, and Adam Babcock of New Haven, Thomas Truxton Commander, Smith Richards, Capt of Marines, number of the crew 60. Qt^{y} of provision, 15 Bbl^{s} Pork 30 Bbl^{s} Beef 500 w^{t} Powder with a Proportion of Ball—30 Muskets 20 Pistols, Cartridges in proportion. I do hereby reqnest that a Commission be made out for the above Privateer Sloop. JOHN BROOME.

White Plains, July 16th 1776.

Report on a Mine at the Little Nine Partners.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 33.]

LITTLE NINE PARTNERS MINE, 16th July 1776.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your decisions have used the utmost of my endeavors in Clearing two pits or shafts at the north east end of the Mine hill and met with great Difficulties in them owing to the Water. Jonathan Landon and Ezra Thompson Esquires being very punctual from time to time inspecting the same this day, Mr Landon has with sincerity taken inspection of the appearances and thereby he ordered me to make up a report of the circumstances thereof as he was intending going to New York. In the first Pit discovered a small quantity of Lead in three different places about two Inches Diameter lying about five foot distant not in a continued vein, the bottom is free from any prospect. The Second Pit is more likely by the appearances of the sparr and found lead in four places about two or three Inches Diameter Six foot distant not containing a Continued Vein, the bottom is entirely void of the appearances of Mines. Both Pits is not worthy of pursuing at present unless farther promising discoveries be made — To morrow are going to Clear the pit of 50 foot Deep and another small pit by order of Mr Thompson which I shall finish with all convenient speed and immedi ately thereafter shall repair for New York and transmit the full Account of my proceedings unless I receive further Instructions the truth of this small report etc Mr Landon will Describe more at large to you.

I am Honorable Gentlemen Your most obedient Humble Servt

JOHN McDONALD, *Miner.*

Certificate respecting a Powder Mill.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 29.]

WHITE PLAINS, 19 July, 1776.

These are to certify that at the request of John Carpenter of Goshen Orange County I have been to see his powder mill built in said County and that she was set agoing while I was present and in my opinion went exceeding well with Eighteen Stompers a good stone house and yard and many other things necessary for drying and securing the powder. Witness my hand,

WM ALLISON.

N. H. Committee of Safety to Col. Bayley.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 201.]

COLONY OF N. HAMPSHIRE, IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY, July 19th 1776.

To Col[l] JACOB BAYLEY.

The Committee are in expectation that you will accomplish your desire of keeping in Continental pay by order of General Washington, The sixty men Employed by you to clear a road to Canada and as you have thought fit to desist working on said Road, That you Employ as Scouting Parties to Guard the Country. But if you should be directed to disband them, you are hereby Impowered to Enlist Fifty men, To be under the pay of this Colony until the First of December next unless Sooner Discharged, and see that the men fairly choose a Captain, Lieut., & Ensign to Command them—Said Company if Raised to take orders from Time to Time, from yourself Col[l] John Hurd and Col[l] Charles Johnston. To direct their Conduct Said men to Recieve Thirty Shillings Bounty, and Forty Shillings pr. month wages.

By order of the Committee I am S[r] Your m[st] hum Svr[t]

M. WEARE, *Chairman.*

List of Prisoners brought from New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 16.]

July 19, 1776.

David Mathews,+
John L. C. Roome,+
Henry Dawkens,
Gilbert Forbes,+
William Forbes,+
Nathan Gyre,+
Lazarus Gyre,+
James Mason,+
Jonathan Baker,+
Isaac Youngs,+
Israel Youngs,+
Thomas Poyne,+
John Clarke,+
Jacob Losie, refer'd for Cons^{n}
George Watts,
Thomas Vernon,+
Ryneer Van Hoesen.

+ To go to Litchfield.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 169.]

Memorandum to recommend to the Congress the case of Ceaser Negro of Coll Fanning's that he be put out in some Family in the Country. The Negro wou'd be willing to live at Mr. Dewint's at Tappen at P. V. B. Livingston's at Elizabeth town.

Petition of Rosannah Rush.

[Petitions, 33: 274.]

Sir: I am sorry to Trouble you but am under Great Necessity of a Favour at Present from your Excelency, that is to have Liberty to stay on the Place where on I Now Live for a Longer Time as I am warned of by the officers & to be sent to New York will be very hard for me as my husband is now a Prisoner in Pensalvany and has been a Prisoner since last January, I am at present in a weak condition and have lain sick near four Months, and my Little dughter has also been unable to help herself for near Three months occasioned by hard sickness, But is Now like to Recover therefore humbly pray that your Excelency will be pleas'd to let me Remain unremoved with what few Effects I have Left at Least untill such time that my husband Gets clear from his confinement. these favours I humbly pray you will not Deny me; and I as in Duty Bound shall Ever be very thankfull to your Excelency.

ROSANNAH RUSH.

Petition of Soldiers of the 26th Regiment.

[Petitions, 33: 276.]

As we four prisiners are out of imploy here we want to be sent to hartford and there to be mentain'd as troublesome times is Expected here that we may be out of the way & somthing to uphold us on the way.

WILLIAM WHITE,
HENRY PEARCE,
JOHN MASON,
RICHARD SHARPLESS.

Belonging to the 26th Regim^{t}

Robert Yates to Committee of New York.

[Mil. Com. 25: 360.]

Poughkeepsie, July 22^{d} 1776.

Gent^{n}: The secret Committee appointed by the Convention of this State for the purpose of devising ways and means to protect the Navigation of Hudsons River have determined to fit out two Armed Vessels at Albany—In order to effect this matter Persons are wanting to act as Gunners or who are in any wise used to the management of Cannon on board of Ships. You will therefore please to procure as many men as possible qualified for this business and let them proceed immediately to this place and bring with them Combustible materials for fire arrows. You will advance the money necessary to defray the Expence of the men on their journey and to purchase the Materials, and by drawing on M^{r} G. Livingston here you will be immediately reimbursed.

The Necessity and importance of this Business we trust will induce you to exert yourselves upon this occasion and we conceive that it would conduce more to the Public cause if the fitting out of Privateers was Neglected that we might have the service of the seamen in the River.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

N. B. Two persons are mentioned to us, Alex[r] Dean who may be found by applying to Capt Van Wyck in McDougalls Regiment and —— Wessels.

Robert Yates to William Pawling.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 362.]

Poughkeepsie, July 22[d] 1776.

Sir: We have among other Things determined to fit out two Armed Sloops at Albany in order to protect the River against the Depredations of Tenders. To effect this we have wrote to Committee of New York to furnish us with Gunners or Persons who in any wise are used to the Management of Cannon on Board of Ships and a quantity of combustible matter for Fire Arrows and by all means a Person who understands the making of them. If your Bussiness will possible admit we must entreat your attention to this matter also. M[r] Jay is gone to Salisbury for Cannon, Messrs. Yates and Livingston to Albany & Mess[rs] Tappen & G Livingston remain to superintend the works here, where we request your attendance as soon as you conveniently can. We are Sir your Most Humble Serv[t],

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

Captain Denton to General Woodhull.

[American Archives, 5th Series, 1: 543.]

New York, July 23, 1776.

Sir: Some weeks ago the Second Lieutenant of my company secretly deserted me; but, previous to his leaving me, he assigned his warrant over to Cadwallader Moore, one of my Sergeants, a young man every way well qualified to act in the capacity of an officer, and who bears an unexceptionable character, and is of good family. Upon relating the circumstance of my being destitute of a Second Lieutenant to my company to some of the members of the Committee of Safety, they told me they would mention the matter in Committee; and shortly afterwards I was informed by Mr Cooper, (one of the members I had mentioned the affair to,) that the Committee had ordered that James Miller, my Ensign, should be Second Lieutenant, and Cadwallader Moore Ensign; and upon that, Moore went to some expense in purchasing regimentals, and has ever since appeared in the character of an officer. Lately the commissions were issued for most of the officers of the regiment, but Mr Miller's commission was detained from him, and no commission issued to Mr Moore, which occasions some uneasiness in my company. I must therefore request the favor of you to lay the affair before the Convention; and if any further light is required on it, Mr Strong, the bearer, will be able to give it. I have the only full company in the regiment, which makes me take the greater liberty of mentioning the affair to you.

I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

To Nathaniel Woodhull. DANIEL DENTON.

Report on preceding Letter.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 347.]

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the letter received from Capt Daniel Denton Dated 23d instant [July] and from such informations as they could collect—Do Report—That a Commission be made out for James Miller as a Second Lieut bearing date the 3rd Day of May last and another for Cadwallader Moore as Ensign being dated the same day both in the Company Commanded by Capt Denton and in Col Ritzema's Regiment.

Examination of James Horton.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 525.]

In Committee of Safety, White Plains, 23rd July 1776.

James Horton being called before this Committee by Order of the Convention of the State of New York, & being examined respecting his saying "that he was Sure that the Ministerial Army would Conquer us & that matters would soon be settled," Says that he might have made use of such words, but does not recollect that he did. that he had not design or reason for saying so, Only that the fate of war was uncertain, & further says that he never knew of any Conspiracy whatever against the United States of America. And whereas it has been reported that he went on board of the Governor's Ship & Swore a new Allegiance to the King, Voluntarly declares under Oath that he never swore allegiance since he was first qualified as a justice of the Peace, & the only reason he had for going on board the Governor's ship was, that he heard William Sutton (who was then on board) was going to England & that he had business of a private nature to settle with said Sutton

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN THOMAS, Jr *Chairman.*

This Committe prays that the Congress would take Mr Horton's Case into consideration as soon as possible.

Examination of John and William Sutton.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 527, 531, 605, 537, 535.]

In Committee of Safety, White Plains, July 23, 1776.

Jn° Sutton being examined before this Committee declares that the charge alledged against him is groundless: That he might have said the Regulars would Land between Mamaroneck and Horse Neck. But if he did say it, that was only an opinion of his own.

By order of the Committee of Safety,

JOHN THOMAS, JR *Chairman.*

In Committee of Safety, White Plains, July 23d 1776.

William Sutton being examined before this Committee relative to the Charge laid against him (dated 12th Inst) utterly denies the same excepting that Governor Tryon told him that when the Fleet arrived there would be a *Proclamation* published declaring all those Rebels, who would oppose their Measures and all those who would come unto them, should have a Pardon, that the Govr further told him that there would be some shipping sent into the Sound. In respect to the second Charge, he says, that he might have said that there would be three or four Colonels that would revolt and oppose Independency in case it was declared, but does not know their Names. But it appears to this Committee, that the said Sutton either knows, who they are or the Person, who gave him the Information, but declines to discover them.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN THOMAS, Junr *Chn.*

W^m^ Sutton being examined by the Committee appointed for the Purpose says:

That he was at first for chusing a Congress &^c^ & afterwards opposed it, and protested against it.

That his Reasons for his Change of Conduct was his hearing that the Assembly had taken or was about to take the matter into Consideration, That he had received several Letters from Judge Jones, but that there was not a word of politics in either of them. That he never had received any Letter from any of the Delancies except one from James De Lancy inclosing the Protest against chosing Deputies. That several People went on Board the Governour's Ship while the said Sutton was there with his Boat among whom were James Horton Esq^r^ Captain Ebenezer Thield, one Holmes of Courtland's Manor, Gabriel Purdy, Isaac Gidney, several of the Hains.

That Governor Tryon said from what he heard he expected that there would be friends of Government enough with the Forces that would come: That the Friends of Government would be protected. That he never received any Letter from *Wilkins or Seabury*. That none of the Delancies have ever endeavoured to influence him to take the Part he has done—

Cap^tn^ Richie being asked says that he never saw a Letter from *Wilkins and Seabury* to William Sutton.

In Committe of Safety, W. Plains, 23^d^ July 1776.

William Sutton being examined under Oath before this Committee relative to the Charge against Rob^t^ Sutton declares that he never heard Rob^t^ Sutton say that he would join the Regulars with seven hundred men, but he did hear Rob^t^ Sutton say that he did with six or seven hundred more oppose the chusing of Deputies—and further says that Rob^t^ Sutton told him he had sign'd a Recantation.

By Order of Committee,

JOHN THOMAS J^r^ *Chairm^n^*.

Charge against Robert Sutton.

M^r^ —— being under Oath informed the Committee of Safety of west Chester—That William Sutton informed him that Robert Sutton of Long Island would join the Regulars with Seven hundred men well equip'd.

July 24, 1776. A true Copy:

FRED JAY.

Affidavit of Benjamin Lyon.

In Committee of Safety
for the County of West Chester, July the 24^th^ 1776.

Benjamin Lyon of the White Plains being A Man of Repute and A Member of this Committee being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith That he was Coming from New York in a Boat Some Time Last March as Near as the Deponant Can Recolect the Time When Joseph Bull was in Company at the Same Time and A Dispute arising between the Deponent & s^d^ Bull Respecting the Propriety or Impropriety of Independency when the S^d^ Bull Declared to the Deponant that when Independency was Set Up he the said Bull would meet the Deponant in the Field of Death and further the Deponant Saith Not—

BENJ^N^ LYON.

Sworn before this Committee the Day and Year as above.

By order of the Committee,

John Thomas, J^a^ *Ch*.

Report and Evidence in the Case of Col. Hamman.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 549.]

The Examination of the Evidences against Col. Hamman in respect to his behaviour as an officer, on the evening of the Day on which the Enemy's ships came to anchor off Tarry town in this County—and as a buyer of Pork for this State.

Lieut. Daniel Marlin being sworn deposeth and saith, That upon seeing the fleet drawing nigh Tarry town the 12th inst ordered his Serjeant to warn the men, this was about 7 o'Clock—That s[d] Serjeant afterwards told the Deponent he had been with Col. Hammond to warn him and that thereupon the s[d] Col. mounted his horse and set out directly to warn Cap[t] Vermilie—That the s[d] Col. and a brother of this Deponent had some words as the Deponent heard from some of the men, but cannot recollect from whom, and that the said colonel arrived at Tarry town between twelve and one oClock the next morning as his said brother informed him, and further this deponent saith not.

Samuel Purdie Junr being sworn deposeth that Col. Hammond agreed with him for four bbls of pork at £4 5s—That afterwards the s[d] Col. told him that Col. Drake was dissatisfy'd with the bargain, and asked him the said Col. Hamman if he did not think the people would take the pork again. That Hamman said he told the said Drake that he did not chuse to go about to countermand what he had done, for that he knew that some of the people wanted the money—That he would sooner take it himself than do so—That he the deponent after this, delivered the said pork to the said Col. Hamman, & That either at that time or some time before the said Col. told the deponent that the said Col. Drake had wrote to him the said Hamman for a number of prime bbls of pork, which the deponent thinks he the said Hamman said were about Eight in number. That the next day after s[d] Hamman had rece[d] the s[d] four bbls of pork from the Deponent, he told the said deponent, it having been repacked, that he had made three bbls of prime pork out of the four bbls aforesaid, and that he did allow the deponent but four pounds for the remaining barrel. That the deponent heard others call the s[d] repacker by the name of Thomas Hunt and that he heard him say that he was authorized by the Congress to that employment.—The deponent further saith, that he was present when the said repacker was repacking the pork of James Requaw and that he saw several peices of the s[d] pork rejected by the s[d] repacker, and that afterwards, he the deponent saw the said Requaw carrying back several of the said rejected peices in his cart—and the deponent saith, that he heard the said Col. Hamman say to the said Requaw that he would as soon see *his* pork repacked as any of his neighbours, if the repacker thought it would do.

The deponent further saith, that he saw several prime peices of pork taken by Joseph Legett, while the said Hunt was repacking pork which he the said Legett had sold the said Hamman, and that the deponent did not hear the said Legett or any other person desire the said packer to put in any peices into the bbls but what he thought proper nor doth he know that any peices were taken out of any of the said barrels after having been repacked.

Jonathan G. Tomkins Esq[r] being sworn deposeth and saith—that near nine oClock on the evening of the 12th inst. he called at Col. Hammands, and found a man advising him to warn his men to muster for the Enemy's ships were coming up the river. That s[d] Col. asked y[e] deponent whither the report was a matter of fact. The deponent told him it was, and desired s[d] Col. to warn his officers immeditely—that the Col. turned to a certain Justice Dean and borrowed his horse and mounted him and set off directly with the deponent, without so much as going into his own house first, to warn Cap[t] Vermilier, and he the said Col. also desired the aforesaid man to warn all they came across and that they should influence others to do the same, that the s[d] Col. informed the deponent that he was under the necessity of ordering the people to meet at his House, as he had the amunition there,—That Cap[t] Requaw was sufficiently warned, being in a field from which he could see the vessels as they came up —That the Deponent parted with the said Colonel about two miles from the river, where the road strikes off to Cap[t] Vermilier's—That the s[d] Col. went towards the s[d] Captain's, & the deponent to the River at Tarry town—That about 10 o Clock

the deponent returned to the s^{d} Colonel's and was told that he had not returned since he set out with the said deponent, and the deponent believes that the said Colonel was active in collecting his men—and further saith not.

Captain Benjamin Vermilier, being sworn deposeth and saith that on the evening of the 12th inst—Col Hamman came to his house early in the evening & gave him orders to warn the men as fast as he could. After the s^{d} depon^{t} had warned his Corporal to acquaint the serjeant to come down to Tarrytown the deponent went to M^{r} Vantassels and found the Col there. that scarcely an hour after the depon^{t} with the Col went down to the River, but the hour of the night he could not tell as he had no watch.

Peter Allair clerk to Col Hamman's regiment being sworn deposeth and saith—That Col Hamman's Son in Law about 9 oClock warned him to turn out on the alarm. That he went to alarm some men then returned to the Col and charged all the Guns there. That afterwards went to Vantassels, and that the Col was there before him—and the Deponent believes that the s^{d} Col made no unnecessary delay in going down to Tarrytown. the time of night he knew not.

Lieut Cornelius Vantassel being sworn, deposeth and saith—that on the aforesaid evening he went to the house of Lieut Marlin's where he found Col. Hamman about one or 2 oClock and found him doing his best to prepare & forward the men to the shore. that he the Colonel got the depon^{t} a hat full of Cartridge for his men, who had before but 3 or 4 rounds a man—and that s^{d} Col was busie in furnishing others with Cartridges also.

Joseph Youngs being sworn deposeth and saith that Will^{m} Paulding Esq^{r} told the Committee of this place, Westchester, that Col. Hamman had been warned at 10 oClock on the evening the enemy appeared off Tarrytown and did not go to Tarrytown till 10 oClock the next day. But the depon^{t} going down to the said town found by the information of credible persons that Col. Hamman had been down at about one in the morning—and further saith not as to that matter.

That he was pres^{t} when Jos Drake asked Hamman if he could purchase him some pork. The Col replied that he could. That Hamman bought some by Drakes orders who told him he allowed him to give £4 and £4. 5s pr barrel for prime pork. after he bought it Drake told Hamman the Congress would not allow so much, and asked him whether he could not return it to the people again. Hamman told he could not for that he would rather lose the 5 shillings. Youngs then advised Hamman to keep y^{e} pork for that he would not lose by it.

Joseph Legett doth affirm — That he was present when Requaws pork was repacked by the afores^{d} Hunt and told the Company of which Col. Hamman and the repacker were two that the Pork was very much moulded and that he saw the s^{d} repacker put several peices to his nose and throw them aside but did not see or learn that Col Hamman gave the repacker any orders or instructions about the s^{d} Pork. The affirmant farther saith, that in his opinion, the said Pork was not merchantable. That he the affirmant saw Col Hamman cull one Barrel of Pork out of four or five but that the remaining three was good Pork and Merchantible.

Martinus Van Wart, being sworn, deposeth and saith that he sold Col Hamman five bbls Pork. that he was present at repacking the same. that the s^{d} Col Hamman upon a door which he had laid down, took and laid the prime pieces of s^{d} five bbls, that four bbls were filled by there packer, Hunt, and that a bbl was filled with part of the prime pork and marked by the repacker, the rem^{r} of the s^{d} prime pieces of Pork the deponent took back and also that he the deponet heard the repacker commend whole of the s^{d} pork, as he was repacking it, and that he does not know whether Hamman took the said bbl prime pork to himself or not.

From the foregoing Evidences, it appears to this Committee, that the charges exhibited against Colonel Hamman, both in regard to the affair of the Pork, and neglect of duty as an officer, are intirely groundless—and that therefore the said Colonel ought to be acquitted from all further trouble on these accounts, and returned to his regiment immediately.

July 24th 1776.

(Indorsed.) Report of a Committee that Col^{o} Hamman is an honest man & and a Fighting Colonel.—Confirmed.

Bond of Thomas Fleet and Henry Durland.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 498, 502.]

Bond of Thomas Fleet of Oyster Bay to appear and answer any charge against him. 25 July 1776. THO^{S} FLEET.

Bond of Henry Durland to appear and answer any charge against him, 25 day of July 1776. HENRY DURLAND.

Appointment of Capt Roose, Lieuts. Jansen and Bruyn.

[Petitions, 33: 130.]

This is to Certify to whom it may come that Capt^{n} Jacobus Roose Lieu^{t} Johanis Jansen and Lieu^{t} Johanis Bruyn are appointed as officers agreeable to a Resolve of Provincial Congress, Dated July the 16th 1776.

In Witness whereof we the Field Officers of Col^{l} Hasbrouck's Regiment have hereunto set our hands, At Newburgh this 25th of July 1776.

JONATHAN HASBROUCK, *Coll^{r}*,
JOHANIS JANSEN, *Major*,
LEWIS DUBOIS, *Major.*

Petition of Kings County Officers.

[Petitions, 33: 194.]

To the Hon^{l} State of the province of New York.

Whereas Col^{l} Rutgert Van Brunt agreeable to the resolves of said State, has demanded Every fourth man of our Comp^{ye} we the Capt^{s} of the Kings County Militia pray the Congress to Indulge us with the men under our Command as Militia to Execute the said Resolves of the 20th Ins^{t} Relating to Kings County Stock without being paid, Provided it be in the said County of Kings & we promise to be ready with the men under our Command whenever called on by the Commanding officers to Execute said Resolves & Provided the Commanding officers think it necessary to drive the Stock into the Interior part of the Island we are ready to perform the same & also am ready to guard the Coast, agreeable to the said resolves & protect the Inhabitants.

26 July 1776.

JOHS. VANDERBILT, *Capt^{n}*,
LAMBERTH SUYDAM, *Capt^{n}*,
BARN^{T} JOHNSON, *Cp^{t}*,
JOHN TITUS, *Ca^{n}*,
COR^{S} V. D. VEER, *Captain*,
REM WILLIAMSON, *Capt*,
BARNARDUS SUYDAM, *Capt*,
ADRIAN VAN BRUNT, *Capt.*

Certificate in favor of Surgeon Halsey.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 488.]

Camp at Greenwich, July 26th 1776.

I do here by Certify that Doct^{r} Stephen Halsey has Done the Duty of Surgeon for my Regiment Since the 8th of Instant and I desire his Warrant may be made out accordingly. SAM^{LL} DRAKE, *Colo.*

To y^{e} Provenciel Congress at the White plains.

Petition of Henry Chase and others.

[Petitions, 33: 152.]

WHITE PLAINS, July 25th 1776.

We the Humble Petitioners Now are confined in Goal upon suspision, without money or friends. We beg you will bestow your charity upon us.

HENRY CHASE,
JOHN CAMERON,
JOHN SMITH,
JOHN THOMAS.

To the Hon^ble^ Congress In this House.

The Examination of Balthazar De Haert.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 506.]

The examination of Balthazer De Haert of the County of Orange Attorney at Law, who has for some time past been in Shrewsbury in Monmouth County in New Jersey.

He saith that when he left Shrewsbury as he conceived far the greatest part of that place was inhabited or rather infested with tories or persons disaffected to the common cause of America and that he has understood from information that their disaffection has been greatly increased by a number of persons who have gone from the City of New York there and as he has understood secretly labour to deceive the lower set of people the higher being almost all disaffected. That he knows that Joseph Wardell, John Corlies and George Allen went the week before last or last week to General Howe's Camp on Staten Island after as they pretended two Negroes who had run away from William Kipping & the s^d^ John Corlies. that they stayed some time there. that this examinant has been informed and indeed believes that those three persons are disaffected and heard that for that very reason the Negroes were delivered to them by Howe's order. that he has heard that they had a long conversation with some of Howe's Officers—and further this Ex^t^ saith that he was informed by Cap^t^ Jacob Dennis a Militia Officer who had been ordered to guard Deal shore in that Township that he could scarce persuade a man to go there with him and that the examinant knows that his brother who is another Militia Officer there could by no means prevail on his men to go to defend that shore (the whigs telling him they expected that if they went there they would be delivered by the Tories to the enemy on their landing) and that he was informed by the s^d^ Capt Dennis that the inhabitants along Deal shore told him they did by no means thank him for guarding them, and that they would much rather have the regulars than the Yankees there—and he this examinant was further informed by the said Cap^t^ Dennis that there were some Vessels of force laying off Shark river which he supposed were landing some men there to get Provision as he observed flat bottom boats with them. And further this examinant saith that he saw some armed vessels off Deal shore last Saturday and observed some boats which seemed to be going on board said vessells and that he verily believes that the Inhabitants along that shore have communication with the enemy and that this examinant further saith that Isaac Low, William Walton, Anthony Van Dam, John Roome, William Kipping Hulet, a dancing Master, with a number of other persons from New York are there whose names this examinant does not recollect. and further this examinant saith not.

July 26th 1776.

Petition of Wm. Sutton.

[Petitions, 33: 210.]

The Petition of William Sutton now confined in Goal. To the Honourable Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, Most Humbly Sheweth,

That the Inteligence or Report spread abroad by him he Received from the Governor at the time he was down with the shiping some Time last Fall, that he has

not since that time Received any letter or any Inteligence from the Governor of any kind on any subject whatever that he has not corrisponded with any Person or Persons belonging to the ministerial Army Either before or since that time, that your Petitioner did not convey to the Honourable Committee his meaning if he said on a Declaration of Independency three or four Colloncls would Revolt as he only meant to be understood they would Lay down their arms. yonr petitioner begs Leave to mention that his present situation is rendered very misirable by the ill state of Body he Labours under having for some weeks past been severly handled with a very bad cough, and for the greatest part of the time attended with a fever and as it produces something of Phtisical kind the want of air is very Distressing, your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the Honourable Convention would Indulge him to return to his Family & Business as the Gentlemen of the Committee must be very sensible how inconvenient it must be for a farmer to be absent at this busy season, your Petitioner would be willing to give any security for his Remaining on his own Farm, as well as that he will not hold any corrispondence with the Ministerial Army their aiders or abettors, that he will not influence or endeavour to influence any Person or Persons to aid the Ministerial or Discourage the American Arms. Yonr Petitioner humbly prays that he might not be Remov'd farther from his family as it would increase his anxiety of mind and naturaly Retard his geting Rid of a Disorder which if not speedily removed will prove fatal. He further begs leave to Request the Hon[l] House would take into consideration the Extreme youth of his son now confined with him as well as that the time when he is charg'd with makeing the expression was when he saw his father's substance wantonly Destroyed by flames, And grant such releif as they in their wisdom shall think fit. and as in Duty bound shall ever pray. WILLIAM SUTTON.

July 26[th] 1776.

Petition of Alexander Stewart.

[Petitions, 33: 208.]

To the Honourable Convention the Representatives of the State of New York:

The memorial of Alexander Stewart Most humbly sheweth:

That your memorialist came to New York in Decb[r] 1774, A Passenger recommended to Messeurs Mercer & Ramsey to take charge of a ship in the Mediteranian Trade, the Disturbance then being so great between Great Britain & the Collines your memorialist could not accomplish his Desires he still continuing in Expectation of a Reconciliation waited untill an opportunity to leave the Continent and Return to his Country and Friends was cut off except by stealth. In this situation your memorialist has Remained without pursueing or attempting to pursue any business Exeept an offer made by M[r] Grigg of Horse Neck who was about to employ him, but the vessel being purchased for a Privateer put a stop to that Employ, This week when a draft was made for Troops to go in the Continental service, your memorialist was among the number Drafted in the Company of Cap[t] Bloomer of Mamaroneck. Your memorialist being a North Brittoner, and having all his property there, and having a number of Relations engaged in the Regular Army, conceives it Extremely hard that he should be called forth to the Field under these circumstances to meet the near connections which he has there altho' his sincere wishes are that the Country may avoid the Slavery with which they are threatened. Your memorialist therefore humbly prays that the Honourable Convention would take his case into consideration and give him such Relief as they in their wisdom shall think fit. And as in duty bound he will Ever pray. ALEX[R] STEWART.

I certify the Honourable Convention that the within matter is True to the best of my knowledge and that what is related since Mr. Stewart's being in America has come within the compass of my knowledge. CHARLES DUNCAN.

July 26[th] 1776.

Petition of Rd. Bruere.

[Petitions, 33: 204.]

GENTLEMEN: I am very sorry to trouble you so often on the same subject, But as I received my Bills for money on England by the hands of one of your officers about a week past & as I have no method of supplying myself with money, think it somewhat strange that the Gentlemen of the Committee if they have recieved directions from you have not supplyed us with money according to the general resolution of the Congress but should rather as to my own part have been glad to have got money for Bill on England. However, will take it as a favor that you will give the necessary directions for the usual allowance as soon as may be. From Gentlemen Your humble Serv[t]

R[D] BRUERE,
Prisoner of War at Mr. Jonathan Tyler, Bedford Township, New purchase.

N. B. The Committee have been apply'd to more than once.
27[th] July 1776.

Certificate of the Qualifications of Dr. Meed.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 504.]

WHITE PLAINES, July 27, 1776.

I hereby Certify that I have examined Doct[r] Will[m] Meed respecting his Knowledge in Physick & Surgery, and that I find him qualified for the office of Surgeon to a Regiment.

SAM[L] BARD, M. D.

General Orders communicating the repulse of the British at Charleston, S. C.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 496.]

The Gen[l] has great pleasure in communicating to the Officers & Soldiers of this Army the signal success of the American Arms under Gen[l] Lee at S[o] Carolina. The Enemy having attempted to Land at the same time that a most furious Cannonade for 12 hours was made upon the fortifications near Charlestown, Both Fleet & Army have been repulsed with great loss by a small number of gallant Troops just raised, the Enemy having had 172 killed & wounded among whom are several officers, two Capital Ships much damaged, one frigate of 28 Guns being entirely lost being abandoned & blown up by the Crew—and the others so hurt that they will want a good deal of Repairs before they will be fit for service & all with the loss on our own party of 10 killed and 22 wounded—the firmness, Courage & bravery of our Troops has Crowned them with immortal honour—The dying Heroes conjured their brethren never to abandon the Standard of liberty & even those who had lost their Limbs continued at their Posts—The gallantry & Spirit extorted applause from their Enemies; who disastered & defeated have retired to their former Station out of the reach of our Troops. This glorious Example of Troops under like Circumstances with us The Gen[r] hopes will animate every Officer & Soldier to immitate & even out do them when the Enemy shall make the same attempt upon us with a bright example before us of what can be done by brave and spirited men fighting in Defence of their Country. We shall be loaded with Shame & Infamy if we do not acquit ourselves with Courage & a determined Resolution to conquer or Die; with this Hope & Confidence that this Army will have its equal share of Honor & success the Gen[l] most earnestly exhorts every Officer & Soldier to pay the utmost attention to his Arms and Health to have the former in the best order for action & by cleanliness & Care to preserve the latter,—to be exact in their Discipline—obedient to their Superiors & Vigilant on Duty, with such preparation & a suitable spirit there can be no doubt but by the blessing of Heaven we shall repel our cruel Invaders from our Country & gain the greatest honor.

July 21, 1776.

Petition of Richard Cantillon and John Parkinson.

[Petitions, 33: 192.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York:

The Petition of Richard Cantillon & John Parkinson of Dutchess County, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners conceive themselves acquainted with the various Branches of the Linnen Manufactury. That your Petitioners find from the great scarcity of Linnen that it is exceedingly necessary to have some manufactories of that kind set up in this State, to supply the necessities of the Inhabitants thereof & of the Army. That your Petitioners intend to set up a very extensive Linnen Manufactory in Dutchess County, in this State, if they may be favoured with a resolution & order of this Convention to exempt themselves & their Labourers and Manufacturers from being drafted into the Militia when called out to actual service. That your Petitioners will always chearfully give a preference to the Convention of this State, by reserving for their use on their order such manufactures as they may from time to time have made & may be fit for or wanted for the use of this State. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Petitioners & the manufacturers and labourers which they shall employ in the said Business (not to exceed the number of twelve exclusive of your Petitioners) may by order or resolution of the Convention of this State be exempted from being subject to be drafted or called out into active service in the Militia of the said County of Dutchess, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray. RICH^{D} CANTILLON,

NEW YORK, July 29th 1776. JOHN PARKINSON.

Petition of Daniel Shaw.

[Petitions, 33: 200.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention assembled:

The memorial of Daniel Shaw, Commander of the private Sloop of War called the Harlequin, in Behalf of himself and the owners of the said Sloop, Humbly Sheweth,

That your memorialists have at a great Expence, purchased and fitted out the said Sloop for the purpose of cruizing against and annoying the Enemies of the United States of America. That the said Sloop is now ready to proceed to Sea in every Respect excepting the want of Powder, but that your memorialists are unable to furnish themselves with that article, notwithstanding they have diligently exerted themselves for that purpose, and they are apprehensive their intentions will be defeated unless they shortly procure a supply. That your memorialists are therefore under a necessity of applying to your honors, and do not doubt attention will be paid to their Petition, as the Convention were pleased to recommend and encourage the fitting out of Privateers, to cruise against the Enemies of America. Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honors to furnish them with twelve hundred weight of Powder out of the Public Stock for the purpose aforesaid, And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &^{c} DANIEL SHAW,

NEW YORK, July 30th 1776. In behalf of himself and the owners.

Lieut.-Col. Gansevoort to Secretary McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 93.]

FORT GEORGE, 30th July, 1776.

SIR: I have only time to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 13th Instant which came to hand this morning And in answer thereto inform you that the Companies of Col. Wynkoops Regiment which were here are gone some to Ticonderoga and some to Skenesborough.

I am Sir your Hum^{l} S^{vt}

PETER GANSEVOORT, *Lt. Colonel*,

To JOHN M^{c}KESSON. Commanding Fort George.

Capt. Dutcher and others to the Congress of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 63.]

As an Evidence of our Intention of raising a Company in the Ridgement under Collonel Thomas Thomas pursuant to a late resolve of Congress for the State of New York we hereby certify to the Hon^ble^ Members of the said Congress that we are willing to turn out as Militia Officers for that purpose and to go in the service under him notwithstanding the Congress has omitted appointing Joseph Drake Esq Collonel of the above mentioned Ridgement and that we are humbly of Opinion from the Conversation we have had with the men in our Company and others that we can without the least difficulty raise a full Company for the purpose aforesaid and we pray that some plan may be adopted for the Purpose of Compleating the Ridgement in Case Coll. Joseph Drake should refuse appointing Militia Officers pursuant to the resolve aforesaid.

WILLIAM DUTCHER, *Cap^tn^*,
DANIEL MARTLING, *first Lieut.* (by order,)
GEORGE MORRISON, 2^d^ *Lieut.*

30^th^ day of July 1776.

Parole of Lieut. Graham.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 480.]

I, Lieutenant Peter Graham, do hereby solemnly promise upon my Word of Honor to Gouverneur Morris on Behalf of the State of New York that I will not depart from within a Mile of my own House unless to the City of New York when the Health or Sustenance of my Family may require it. According to a Resolution of the Convention of the Representatives of the State aforesaid in that Case made & provided.

Given under my Hand at Harlem the thirty first Day of July 1776.

P. GRAHAM, Lieut. 60 Reg^t^.

Petition of the Surgeon and Crew of the armed Schooner General Putnam.

[Petitions, 33 : 230.]

To the Hon^ble^ the Congress of New York assembled at the White Plains in the State of New York.

The humb^le^ petition of us the Subscribers sheweth that we have been four Months in the service of the American States, on board the Schooner Gen^l^ Putnam, during which time we have not been to sea but 11 Days all the rest of the Time we have spent inactively at the Head of Inlets, five or six Miles from the Mouths thereof from whence at any Emergency we could not put out without great Difficulty, and often not at all. That we have sundry Times Laid a week sometimes longer in an Inlet, and in one we have laid at Anchor four or five Miles from the mouth a full Month without ever attempting to go out or scarcely offering to send any Person to look out. that numbers of vessels have pass'd and repass'd without our endeavouring to speak them, notwithstanding it was the opinion of the officers we had several opportunities verry favourable. that with our Commander Thomas Cregier on board we have not been out of this Inlet in seven weeks.

That our s^d^ Commander hath several Times insulted the officers when they have candidly advised him, and gave them to understand that their business was only to answer a question when ask'd and not attemt giving advice. that in correcting People for slight or no offences, he hath used unlawfull weapons, once presenting a

Pistol to the breast of one Burns, for only requesting to know what his stated allowance was, and swearing by God he would blow a Ball through him, at another time with a large hickory club striking one Bell on the head and much wounding him for what in our opinion scarcely appear'd a crime. that in no one thing has he complied with the resolves of the Congress, His whole conduct being one series of Folly, Vice and Inconsistencies, setting the most scandalous Examples to the People, swearing, Lying and frequenting the company of the most contemptible of women, Presenting the Private Property of others to them, also at sundry Times giving the Ships and Cabben stores away. we are sorry to have occasion to Lay those charges against our Commander, but black as they are they can be Proved, by the Journals of the officers, and the Evidence of the most respectable persons in these Parts.

That by these Means he hath rendered himself Despicable to every man on board, has greatly dissatisfied every friend to the cause, and become the derision of its foes.

That we cannot with honor serve any longer under the Command of the said Thomas Cregier. that in our sincere oppinion (with him as our Commander) we have not done the least service to our Country, and the season of the year being so far advanced, we humbly conceive the vessel unfit to be continued in the service, she being weakened and consequently would endanger our Lives in a gale of wind, besides she leaks so that not a man in the Hold can Lay dry in the Cabbins, and at the same time that we solemnly declare our ardent desire to Exert our utmost abilities in Defence of our Distress'd Country, in any station where there is a probability of doing it; and profess ourselves fully satisfied with the conduct of our Lieutenant, M[r] Quigley, and the officers in general, and though we confess it would be most agreeable to have a Discharge from this vessel, yet if your Honorable House think proper, to continue us therein (as long as the season will admit) under the Command of M[r] Quigley or any other Person you shall appoint, except the said Thomas Cregier, we shall cheerfully comply—for we beg leave to assure you that we glory in yealding obedience to your commands—but humbly request for the Honor & Interest of our Country and ourselves that the said Thomas Cregier may be Cashiered, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

John James Boyd, Surgeon.
George Shell, Gunner.
John Thomas, Carpenter.
John Trail, Boatswain.
John Prichet,
William Willosey,
William Bell,
William Radley, Cook.
Thomas Still,
Timothy Byrns,
John Hardy,
Henry Bassett,
Thomas Shourds,
Isaac Pritchet,
Samuel Turner,
Ezekiel Heazen,
Morgan Lahy,
John thayer,
Nathanell Larance,
Mack Donol,
Josiah Davis, Steward,
Benjamin Woodruff.

Petition of Wm. McDermot.

[Petitions, 33: 282.]

Onabel Gentleman: I have taken this opatuaty to Right to you Gentleman from William mackdurmit Gentleman, I Desire that you would consider my case For I am poor and am in Great Destrust boath I and my Famely and without Relief we must all suffer Gentleman I beg that you would consider me in my Distruss gentlemen I am willing to come under any obligation or punisment that your oner plese to Lay on me For to Lay here I must suffer hear withoute you take pitte on me Sun.

This from your Friend william mackdurmit your Friend and so will Remain with I am so obligated By my oath.

Petition of a Deserter.

[Petitions, 33: 284.]

Honourable Gentelmen: I send you here these few Lines Beging for mercy and to Let you know the cause of my Leaving the Army is this, for being sick about Two Days and not able to do Duty the Captain puts another in my Place for which cause and other ill usage I left them. I have not had clothes nor any Thing of them as for victnals, I had at my father's house wherefore Gentlemen I hope you will take this into consideration have mercy for Christ sake, and as you would expect the same from him that is above all Powers, take pity therefore Gentlemen and give me my Discharg. God save the Continent.

Petition of Carden Proctor.

[Petitions, 33: 6.]

To the Honourable The Provincial Congress of New York.

Your Petitioner begs leave to shew that his son hath been inlisted in Cap^{t} Goforth's Comp, and detained although he is bound an apprentice to Capt Nath Lawrence, he is also undersize, and has lost the use of one Eye.

Your petitioner humbly craves your favourable interposition for his discharge which will be gratefully acknowledged by your honours most obedient humble servant, CARDEN PROCTOR.

Petition of Richard Southard.

[Petitions, 33: 262.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the State of New York.

The humble Petition of Richard Southard, setting forth that he is possessed of a farm in Runbouts precinct in this State of which he has preserved about sixty acres of Timber Land for the use of the said farm, that in October last some Artificers arrived here in order to Build Barracks and Store houses for the use of the Army of this State, That he lett the Carpenters cutt such Timber out as they then wanted, and that since that some late wood cutters have bin and are Dayly destroying the rest of his Timber which will be Ruin of his Farm Intiarly if not prevented, and begg the Honorable Convention that the Artificers and lake wood cutters may be ordered to go to some other place and provide themselves with Timber & Fire Wood that they shall want, as the mountains lay about half a mile from the Barracks and Black Smith shop is, thinks they may furnish themselves without being any Damage to any private Estate and they have yesterday hewed of his farm Ten Loads of Timber and Expects they will Ride as much to day to the Accademy which is about three miles from his farm and that there is Timber and fire wood plenty in the neighbourhood of the Accademy, which may be gott with more ease and is sorry to truble the honorable Convention with it, But that if he dus not get Relief very soon it will be the ruin of his farm Intiarly and Begg the honorable Convention will take his Petition in consideration and order him such Relief as the Honnerable house shall think fitt and your Petition will ever oblige Gentlemen your very Humble Serv^{t}, RICHARD SOUTHARD.

Lieut. Digby Odlum to the Provincial Congress.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 441.]

Gentelmen: I right you thes few Lines to Acquaint Your Honners with the Loses and fitages I have received in the Army of the United States of A Merrica, for in the first place I was Apointed first Lieu^{t} in Cap^{t} Leadyard's Companey, and then Ordert to Go Acting as Adgedtnt to the firs Devishon of Coll^{l} M^{c}Dougalls Ridg^{t} to Sant Johns and from that to Montreeall and After Wards Doun to Quebeck,

Where I received Orders from Genarall Arnold to Go to point Leivey and tack the Command of the Batterey and Millitery Stores Which was Duly Obaed in till such time As I Got Orders to Retreat, which was so sudden that I was Oblidged to Leave Eavery Heapearth of my Baggage be Hind But Just the Cloas on my Back. And theirfore was Oblidge to Aply to my frinds for A shirt to shift my Self till I Came Home, But Now I have No frinds nor home Eather since New York was taken, for that was my pleas of Reasadence, Now I Leave it to Your Honers Genarosady or Oppinnion what to Do for I Neaver shall Excapt under them that was hunder me last Campain. But still Remains as Harty in the Caus as if I whas Apointed or had Lands in Amerrica, But Has had Eaverey thing tacken from me which I thought to Get A Leaving By, and their for I must Aply to the Honorable Conggaras for my Berth right in the Army of the United States, And By so Doing Youl for Eaver Oblidge Your Eaver Obeaddent Servant, DIGBY ODLUM, *Lieut.*

Petition of Zebulon Scofield.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 423.]

To the Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of Zebulon Scofield Invalied Mattross in the Royal Reg[t] of Artillery, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner having lately made application To your honours for a Permit to Go to the City of New York which your Honors freely Granted and was to Embark at Pokepsey under the Direction of that Comittee but the Vessel in which your Petitioner Expected to Go Is Detained by General Orders and now by the advice of Said Committee your Petitioner once More Begs and implores your honors advice and assistance in his unhapy Circumstances he having a sickly wife and a young Child to Porvide for and no vissable means of subsisting without his pention he not being able to work to Gain a livelihood for him self and family.

Therefore Most Humbly hopes your honours to take it into Consideration and Please to Give him a Pass to any Commanding Officer at the lines at Peakskill or otherwise as your honours shall think most Convenient and He will as in Duty Bound for Ever Pray.

(Indorsed.) Ordered to lie on the Table.

List of Names.

[Associations, &c., 30: 357.]

Nathan June,	Jonathan Earlls,	Archibald Elliott,
Phanton Horn,	Solomon Thompson,	John Montgomery,
John Gee,	David Lancester,	Dan[l] Tuttle,
James Lewis,	Jacob Lewis,	Stephen Youmans,
Sam[l] Earlls,	Robert Burges,	James Smith,
John Waggrant,	John Williams,	John Earlls,
Joseph Sheldon,	Zekill Osborn,	John Allibea,
Vincent Hellms,	David Stevens,	Maurice Hearen.

Names of Officers in Col. Pawlings' Regiment who are without Commissions.

[Associations, 30: 363.]

Thomas Jansen, Jun[r], Lieut.-Col.

Johannis Jansen, 1[st] Lieut. & Johannis Bruynt, 2[nd] Lieut. } in Capt[n] Jn[o] Graham's Comp

Cornelius Hasbrouck, 1[st] Lieut. in Capt[n] Clarks Comp.

W[m] Erwin, 2[nd] in Capt[n] Concklin's Comp.

[July, 1776.] To John M[c]Kesson Esq[r]. Could not some Blancks be sent for the others, I aint able to furnish their Names at present.

Messrs Van Schaak, etc., to the Albany Committee.

[American Archives, 5th series, 1: 153.]

ALBANY TORY JAIL, August 1, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: We have just now received your letter of this date, by which we find that, contrary to the most reasonable expectations, we are forced to go off to-morrow morning. The reasons for our expectations are so forcibly pointed out in our former letters, that we shall forbear to recapitulate them now; and only observe, that although we are forced to leave this morning, the same severities are still exercised respecting admittance of those who have business with us, so that at this hour we are in no situation to do anything. As this probably will be the last time you will be troubled with letters from us, we hope you'll excuse us for requesting to know whether we are to go with or without a guard from here to Col. Hoffman's Landing, as we purpose to go by land from here, provided there is no objection. Should there be any, on account of sending a guard with us, and you are disposed to take sufficient security we conceive (as we are to maintain ourselves), the Board will have no objections to our transporting ourselves in the cheapest manner, so that our persons are delivered according to the tenor of your orders. If this be refused, can we have a pass for a couple of men to take our horses down to Redhook?

As we have been confined for a long time, and, for some time past treated like malefactors, Christian charity obliges us to believe that your Board have received information concerning us of a very criminal nature indeed; and as we are entirely to guess from whence such information proceeded, we now request our crimes may be stated, the accusers' names mentioned, that we may have opportunity, as well in Connecticut as here, to clear our characters of any aspersions that may be before your Board. Should the crimes of which we are supposed to be guilty or stand accused of justify the unremitting severities with which we have been treated in our confinement, we dread the reception we are to meet with in a country where we are strangers and friendless; we mean should we be transported unheard and unquestioned.

We are, &c.,

H. VAN SCHAAK,
JOSEPH ANDERSON,
JOHN MUNRO.

Petition of Lieut. Moodie.

[Petitions, 33: 256.]

To the Honourable the Convention of the State of New York.

The humble Memorial of Andrew Moodie Sheweth,

That your memorialist on the 6th of December 1775 was appointed by General Montgomery a Lieutenant of Capt Lambs Company of Artillery, that on the 31st following he was taken prisoner in attempting to storm Quebec.

That the time from his appointment to his being taken prisoner was so short that no general return of the Company had been made to the Secretary of War after his appointment, by which means he is rendered incapable of settling with the Paymaster, and that at the time of his being taken he lost all his arms and Baggage.

May it therefore please your honours to take your memoralists case into consideration & to direct that his Commission may be made out so that he may be enabled to settle with the Paymaster & to order that he may be permitted to take out of the Continental Store such necessary clothing as he may immediately want & cannot otherwise procure & your memorialist will pray.

ANDREW MOODIE.

Proposals to deliver Muskets.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 65.]

Your Committe who was ordered to Contract with Mr Thadeus Noble for fire arms do report that Mr. Noble agrees to make for this Convention one hundred guns at the rate of £3,10 each to be delivered in good order with Steel ramrods and ingageth to make the guns as near as he can in imitation of the Kings Arms.

August 1st 1776.

WM SMITH,
ANTHO RUTGERS.

N. B. he prays to have advanced £100.

Certificate of the Value of Muskets.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 59.]

This is to Certify that the Muskets which Mr. Noble contracted for to deliver in complete order like unto King's Muskets is deficient at least ten Shillings to be eaqual to the Contract as we have examined the said Muskets attentively and do upon honours declare That they are worth no more than fifty four Shillings.

WILLIAM ALLEN,
WILLIAM ELLSWORTH
GUILLIAM VARICK,
MICHAEL GANTER.

August 1st 1776.

Certificate in favor of Henry White, Surgeon.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 67.]

These are to Certify, that I have carefully examined Mr Henry White both in Physick and Surgery and have the pleasure to inform all whom it may Concern that he is well acquainted with the Principles and Practice of both and qualified for discharging his duty in either.

MALACHY TREAT.

New York, August 5th 1776.

Certificate in favor of Surgeon Forman.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 89.]

I hereby Certify that I have examined Mr William Forman upon the Practice of Physick & Surgery and have found his experience in both such as recommends him to the attention of the Publick and qualify him for the Duties of a Surgeon of a Regiment.

MALACHY TREAT.

New York, Aug 6th 1776.

Secretary Peters to the N. Y. Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 91.]

War Office, Philad^{a} Aug. 6, 1776.

Gentlemen: By a resolve of Congress on the subject of Prisoners it is determined "that a list of the Prisoners in each Colony be made out by the Committes of the Countys Towns or Districts where they reside and transmitted to the Assembly Convention or Council of Safety of such Colony respectively who shall send a Copy thereof to Congress." The Board of War who have by direction of Congress the care of all Prisoners are much obstructed in that business by the resolution before quoted not having been complied with. I am therefore to press you by all means to prevail on

the several Comittees in your State to enable you immediately to transmit an accurate list of all Prisoners of War now in your State to the Board that this matter which has heretofore been in Confusion may be reduced into proper order. Please also to send a list of all officers of the Troops raised in your State, the Dates of their Commissions and the time for which they were enlisted.

I have the Honour to be Your Obt Svt

RICHARD PETERS,
Secy of the Board of War.

Please also to send a list of all Officers of Continental Troops raised in your State, The Dates of their Commissions and the time for which the Men were enlisted.

Examination of Joshua Ferris.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 69.]

Joshua Ferris son of Caleb Ferris being this 7th day of August, 1776 Examined saith that he went on board the phœnix last Friday (which being 26th day of July last) and returned on shore the next day. That after having staid on shore untill the Wednesday after he returned on board again in the Canoe he first [went] off in, from Benjamin Lesigy's. That he saw on Board of the Phœnix One Bailey, Phillip Scureman and Frederick Secore both of whom came on shore with this examinant last evening. That he saw also on board one Lewis Purdy from Croton River. That he was on Board when the ships were attacked last Saturday by our Gallies when as he was informed one man was killed and two wounded on board of the Rose.

Examination of Jacob Hallsted, of Orange County, Farmer.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 77.]

The Examinant saith: That he lived lately on the west bank of Hudsons River near the Donderberg on the south moiety of a farm bought by himself and Caleb Seaman of James Lilly untill his house was burned in the manner hereinafter mentioned. That on the seventeenth of July last a sloop passed his house to the Donderberg and he went to drive off his Cattle into the woods and did not return till the sloop had gone down the river, when he learned from the said Seaman that a Barge had been ashore and carried off one of the Examinants Calves which he believed to be true because on going to the place where he understood they landed he found several Musket Cartridges and ever since has not been able to discover the Calf.

That the next day he observed one of the Ships of War (the smallest of the two) and a Schooner Anchor in the River nearly opposite to his house.

That two Boats came off from the Ship of War and landed a little above his house upon which he retired to the distance of about three Hundred Yards to the side of the Mountain out of sight of his house.

That he heard a knocking at his house and directions to the men who had the Care of the Barges to come along for there was nobody there—upon which the Examinant fired upon the Barges.

That the Company then ran from the House to the Barges some up to their waists in water and rowed off till the Schooner came more in Shore and then three Barges came on shore appearing to be fuller of men to the Southward of the House about Two Hundred Yards where he observed them shoot several Hoggs. That some of the Company went to his House, and soon after the examinant discovered his House on fire upon which he retired to take care of his Children at Stephen Parrs a Mile off leaving the Crews on Shore at his Departure. That he has since missed nine of his Hoggs. That he had removed some of his effects before the burning of his House but he has lost besides the House which was totally consumed as well as he

can recollect a Cubbard that Cost three Pounds a Case with Bottles that Cost Twelve Shillings, an Old one with two Bottles in and some Deeds, Bonds and Writings in it, Six common setting straw bottomed Chairs, a Churn, two Pails, a Flax Hatchel that cost Ten Shillings, two half worn Saddles two or three Pounds of Flax two or three Pounds of Wool, an Iron Pot five Bushels of Indian Corn three Bushels of Salt a Linnen and a Woolen spinning Wheel with a quantity of lumber such as Barrells and some Stockings and Cloths. That the House was a framed one of about thirty Feet long and twenty wide with four sash windows, a few of which were broken. That he thinks he cant get such another House for less than one Hundred and fifty Pounds and the Value of the rest of his loss he estimates at Twenty Pounds more. That the examinant has no Estate but that Farm a few household Goods saved by concealment and outstanding Debts of about Twenty Pounds—That he has one blind Eye occasioned by an Indisposition in his Head with which he is still afflicted—sees badly with the other, is forty odd years old and has nine Children one of whom is a Soldier in Captain Blauvelts Company of General Scotts Brigade. That he and his Family would now be out doors if they were not taken in by their Friends. JACOB HALLSTED.

Sworn before me this 7th of Augst 1776,
A. Hawkes Hay.

This is to certify that the Bearer Jacob Halsted is the Person who had his House burnt by Capt. Wallis, and from the Character he bears, Credit may be given to his deposition, And that he has always been friendly to the American Cause.

A. Hawkes Hay,
Gillr Cooper, Colonel,
E. W. Kiers.

Memorial of Captain Roos.

[Petitions, 33: 126.]

To the Honourable the Covention of the State of New York now Convened in the town of Harlem.

Gentlemen: I am Extremely sorry matters are so conducted in raising the new levies in Coll Jonathan Hasbrouck's Regiment in Ulster County (in which Regiment I have the honour to command a Company) that I am oblidged and bound by the principles of honour to represent the state thereof to this honourable Convention and pray they may take the same into consideration and Grant me such relief in the Premises as to them shall seem meet, which is as follows, vizt That on the Evening of the 24th of July I received notice to appear on the morning of the next day at 10 oClock at the house of Coll Hasbrouck. I then asked the messenger whether I should notify my Subalterns to attend also, to which I was answered, no. Agreeable to the foresaid Notice I did appear at the time and place already mentioned. On my appearance there I found it was for the purpose of arranging the officers to command the new levies aforementioned and that neither Captn Rea or Captn Tearpenning were there present who were both Superior to me in Command in the Regiment and have since that time had such information as will amount to full proof that neither of the foresaid Gentlemen had any notice thereof. I being next in Rank in the Regiment to these Gentlemen, I was appointed by Coll Hasbrouck Major Jansen and Major Dubois (which will more fully appear to this honourable house by the Inclosed Copy of a Certificate from the forenamed Gentlemen) to be a Capt to Command one of the Company's. On my return home I found great uneasiness prevailing among my Subalterns as also among sundry other officers belonging to the Regiment, Complaining loudly that they were unfairly dealt with, not being notify'd of the arrangement aforesaid and sundry persons being appointed over them particularly Lieutenants who never held any Commission either civil or Military, however I from a due sence of the importance of the matter, Immediately proceeded to Raising the men but found such Difficulties as could not possibly be Surmounted, without absolutely proceeding to a Draft which appear'd to be wholely

owing to the appointment of Lieutenants who had never been their Choice. All this happen'd on the 2d Instant August. Immediately on this there was an Express Dispatched from Lieut Col^{l} Jansen to Briga'r Gen^{l} Clinton, then at Fort Montgomery informing him of the bad success we had in raising men, to which the General answer'd that it was out of his power to remedy the matter, also that if the Field officers had committed an Error they only must Rectify it in the best manner they could. The Express who went to Gen^{l} Clinton met with Col^{l} Hasbrouck at Fort Montgomery, who then wrote a letter to Major Jansen informing him that he Col^{l} Hasbrouck was informed the principle objection the men had to turning out as Volunteers was their objection to me being appointed a Capt^{n} which I believe to be an absoluto falsehood the only Reason as before mentioned, by all that I could learn among the men was that their own officers had no chance which they thought was their Indispitable Right agreeable to the Resolves of the State of New York. In this letter from Col^{l} Hasbrouck to Major Jansen he desired that s^{d} Major Jansen should call the five Company's in that Quarter together and consult the officers of said Companies and Raise the men in the best manner they could, on which Major Jansen called the Companies together accordingly on the 6th of August and made an offer to all the Capt^{ns} of said Companies who Chuse to turn out and try their Success in Raiseing men, promising at the same time the Capt^{n} who should raise the most Volunteers should be the officer who should have the Command, to which measure I was opposed as being in my opinion contrary to the Resolves of the Convention of the State of New York and my appointment in consequence thereof, therefore would not submit the matter, however my Remonstrance in this particular did not succeed being answer'd by Major Jansen that he was not bound by the Resolves of the State, and acted as he thought proper in the affair. On this about 26 men turned out under Capt^{n} John Graham three of which number formerly turned out under me. After this some of the foresaid Companies were oblidged to Draft the men, and as yet I do not know whether the whole is Compleated. Now Gentlemen you'll easily perceive by the above Narrative how Inconsistent the conduct of my Field Officers hath been with your Resolves. I humbly conceive that if the whole of the men could not be obtained as Volunteers but that a part must be Drafted, with equal Propriety the whole might to be put under me, but there was no Necessity for this more than in the other case, as I had Inlisted Ten men and had a number more promised to Inlist, and am full of the opinion that the grand obstacle was oweing to the appointment of Lieut^{s} as before Recited. To make you Gentlemen Clear in this matter you must understand that the Col^{ls} son is one of them whom he hath long been anxious about getting into Commission, another is a Brother in law to Major Dubois and Major Jansen's cousin, and the third is a cousin to Col^{l} Hasbrouck. Gentlemen, in this matter I view my Reputation and Honour as Sencibly Touched, therefore pray that in your great wisdom you'll be favourably Pleased to grant me such Relief in the Premises, as to you shall seem meet. And thereon I shall as in duty bound for Ever Pray. JACOBUS ROOS.

Shawangonk Precinct, the 7th August, 1776.

Petition of John Andrews.

[Petitions, 33: 120.]

To the Honourable provincial Congress for the province of New York:

The humble petition of John Andrews, of poghkeepsie in the province of New York, Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner about seventeen weeks ago was committed to the New Goal in the City of New York by Alderman Blagge on suspicion of theft, and no witnesses having appeared against me, I took the liberty of petitioning the above Alderman for a tryal and discharge who advised Mr. Goldsmith Continental Goalor to petition your honourable House, from whom he informed me I might expect

impartial justice and mercy in this my deplorable situation. I am willing to swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that I am entirely innocent of the crime for which I am confined. If you will be favourably pleased to take my unhappy case into your serious consideration, I shall in gratitude be in duty bound ever to pray, etc.

NEW GOAL, Aug^{t} 8th 1776. JOHN ANDREWS.

Affidavit of Peter Paulding.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 345.]

Peter Paulding of Westchester being duly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God maketh oath and Saith—That he is a private in the North Parts of Col^{o} Drakes Regiment that he was present when the said Part of the Regiment was called out last Saturday week—that he belongs to Captain Dutchers Company—That the Resolution of this Convention for raising Levies was read by one Alare, that he did not hear anything said by Coll^{o} Drake either to encourage or discourage the men from turning out—That he did not hear any murmuring in his Company about turning out men. That he thinks, if Officers had been nominated they would have turned out the Complement of Men from their Company. That he saw no attempts made that day to Draft men, or to encourage them to turn out as Volunteers—that the Regiment did not continue long embodied at that Place, Part being ordered to the River on acc^{t} of an Alarm from the Ships—That Abraham Ledeu is a Captain in the North Part of said Regiment, and further Deponent saith not.

Aug^{t} 5th 1776. PETER PAULDING.

Affidavit of James Willis.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 347.]

James Willis of Westchester County being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith,

That he is a Lieutenant in the South Part of Coll^{o} Drakes Regiment. Saith that he was present when that Part of Coll^{o} Drake's Regiment was call^{d} out, w^{h} if he recollects aright was on the 22 of July last. That he was call^{d} into Mr Forbes house at East Chester at Col^{o} Drakes request, to meet the rest of the Officers of that Part of the Regiment. That he heard Philip Pell read Part of the Resolution of the Convention for raising the new Levies, but that before he had finish^{d}, he (James Willis) was call'd out to quell a Disturbance that had risen in his Company. That he had heard no Proposals made whilst he was in the Room to the Officers to turn out into the Service—but that officers said that Proposals had been made to them to turn out—but that they declined thinking their Regiment was neglected or rather slighted. That several of the officers exprest their Disapprobation of going with Col^{o} Thomas. That he for his own Part declined on that acct, and that his Company declar'd that rather than go under Col^{o} Thomas, and be drafted for that Purpose, they would Club their Firelocks and return home. That the Resolution of the Convention was afterwards read before the Battalion. That he can give no acc^{t} with respect to the general sense in which Col^{o} Thomas' appointment was consider'd by the Privates in the Battalion—but that he heard several of the Militia say that they would rather fight on that Green till they were dead, than go under Officers that they did not like.

And this Deponent [saith] that he was present when the North Part of the Battalion met at Tarry Town. That he was present in a Room where Col^{o} Drake and the rest of the Officers of that Part of the Regiment were met, that the Resolutions of the Convention for raising Levies, and Gen^{l} Marris' Orders for that Purpose were read, and Col^{o} Drake asked the officers whether any of them chose to turn out—but that he did not hear the officers say whether they would or would not, that he left the Room when the Rest of the officers did. Captain Abraham Ledeu was present at that time. That he afterwards heard the Said Resolutions read before

the Battalion, that he did not hear Col° Drake propose to the men to turn out as Volunteers, or offer to draft them, nor did he hear the said Col° Drake say any w^h^ tended to discourage the men from turning—that soon after the Declaration of Independence was read which as he thinks was subsequent to the reading the Resolutions of the Convention, an alarm of the Enemies Boats coming down on the River, on w^h^ the Militia dispers'd, and went down to the Shore. That he thinks Captain Abraham Ledeu told him that he would not go under Col° Thomas. That to the best of his Remembrance he heard Captain Ledeu say that he thought it was Col° Drake's Right to have the Command of the Levies. And further this Deponent saith not. JAMES WILLIS.

Aug^t^ 6^th^ 1776.

Affidavit of Joseph Paulding.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 351.]

Joseph Paulding of Westchester being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith,

That he is a private Soldier in Col° Drakes Regiment. That he belongs to the North Part of said Regiment. That he was present when that Part of the Said Regiment was call'd out w^h^ was about ten or twelve Days since. That the Resolutions of the Convention concerning the raising of Levies was read by one Alare a private in the Said Regiment. That Col° Drake did not in his hearing give any Directions for Drafting the said men. That he did not in his hearing say anything to the men to encourage them to turn out. That he did not say anything w^h^ tended to discourage the People in turning out. That he heard it commonly talked that Day that Col Drake had said he should be glad if any of the Militia would turn out. that he did not observe any means made use of by any of the officers to induce the Men to turn out as Volunteers, or to draft. That great many in the Regiment seemed to be displeas'd that Co^l^ Drake was not appointed to the Command of the Levies. That he thinks there were more men in that Part of the Militia against Col° Thomas than there were for him. That he thinks if Col° Drake had been appointed to the Command of the Levies that the whole drafts wanted from that Part of the Regiment would have turned out quickly. That the Regiment continued embodied about an hour, and that they dispersed on acct. of an alarm from the Ships. That his Brother John Paulding was there that day. And further this Deponent Saith not. JOSEPH PAULDING

Aug^t^ 9^th^ 1776.

Petition of Proprietors of Stirling Ironworks.

[Petitions, 33: 122.]

To the Honorable House of Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

The Memorial of Abel Noble and Peter Townsend Proprietors of Stirling Iron Works Anchor Works &^c^ by William Hawxhurst their Agent Humbly Sheweth,

That your memorialists have made a Contract for making Anchors, Steel and broad Bar and large square Iron to a Considerable amount for the Continental Service which were to be made with all possible expedition. That your memorialists have already constructed a new work for wraughting the said Anchors and have made a considerable Progress therein. But unfortunately for your memorialists, the Men of War's arrival up the North River have occasioned the country to raise the Militia whereby the workmen and Labourers are taken from the said works. That your memorialists had just before the arrival of said Men of War lodged at Cave's Store at Haverstraw Landing fifty eight Barrels of Pork one Hundred Bushels of Pease, five Hogsheads of Tobacco and sundry other necessaries for the use of the people employed at the said works of which said Provisions &^c^ the

Militia have taken forty Barrels of Pork seventy five Bushels of Pease and three Hogsheads of Tobacco by means of all which and the loss of Time already sustained your memorialists are unable to perform their Contract this season unless your Honours shall give them Relief, by discharging the workmen and Labourers from the said Militia, and supplying them with the like Quantity of Pork Peas and Tobacco as have been taken from them as aforesaid and also with ten or twelve Sledge men which your memorialists humbly pray your Honors will do as speedily as possible. WM HAWXHURST.

Aug. 8, 1776.

Petition of James Cargill.

[Petitions, 33: 118.]

The Petition of James Cargill Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner finds the tending of Military Duty greatly breaks in on his Time of manufacturing Saltpetre, which he is beginning in Orrange County & therefore would humbly intreat this Honourable Body to Clear him of all such Duty that he may properly attend the above Bussiness without loosing so much Time, and your petitioner shall ever pray. JAMES CARGILL.

[Aug. 9, 1776.]

To the Honourable the Convention of the State of New York.

Examinations of Nathaniel Mills and Others.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 341.]

State of New York } *vs.* Nathaniel Mills. } Examination taken at Jamaica, 9th August, 1776.

Examinant says he recieved of his Son, Caleb Mills a packet of letters directed to Thos Willett Esqr sheriff of Queens County and that he knew nothing of the Contents thereof and that he never conversed with the said Sheriff anything about the same, That he cant tell by what means the letter came amongst us.

NATHANIEL MILLS.

State of New York } *vs.* Caleb Mills. } Examination Taken Jamaica 9th Augt 1776.

Examinant says he recieved the above letters of Joshua Mills son of Amos Mills of Hempstead on Sunday the 21st Day of July last and the same Day delivered it to his Father not knowing anything of the Contents of said letter or from whence it came. CALEB MILLS.

State of New York } *agt* Joshua Mills, Junr } Examination Taken Hempstead 9th Aug. 1776.

The Examinant saith that he recieved the letter above mentioned of Elizabeth Hicks on the Highway that he did not know the contents, and that it was only delivered to him with a request to forward it to the Sheriff. JOSHUA MILLS.

State of New York } *agt.* Elizabeth Hicks. } Examination taken Hempstead 9th August 1776.

The Examinant says that a Stranger gave a paper to her last first day a fortnight wheather there was anything wrote on the outside She does not know. That it was given to her with a request to give it to Nathaniel Mills and farther saith that she had not the least knowledge of the person that delivered it from whereas it came nor by whom sent nor nothing more relating to said paper.

[For Examination of Thos. Willett see *Jour. Prov. Cong.* I. 558.]

Examination of Joshua Ferris.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 85.]

Joshua ferris being examined says that on Friday the 26th July he went on board the Phœnix in the night, and returned on shore the next day, and after staying on shore till the Wednesday following and then Returned on Board the said Ship, that he saw one Bailey on Board the ship. That he saw two persons on board the ship who came from New York while he was on shore one of them with a laced Hat and one Eye Cut, does not know their names. Philip Scureman and Frederick Secord, went on board the Ships and returned with him that he also saw Lewis Purdy of Croton on board, that when the ship was aground she ran about half of her lower deck Guns forward to lighten her that he was on board at the time of the engagement and understood there was one man killed and two wounded on board the Rose but there were none hurt on board the Phœnix. JOSHUA FERRIS.

Taken at Harlem 10th August 1776 before us·

LEWIS GRAHAM,
JNº SLOSS HOBART.

Bond to repay Money advanced to erect Salt Works.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 81.]

Know all men by these presents that We Samuel Bard of the City of New York Physician and Benjamin W. Muirson fo the County of Suffolk Gent. are held and firmly bound unto Nathaniel Woodhull Esquire President of the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York in the sum of one thousand Pounds lawful money of the said State—For the payment whereof we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals dated the Tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six—

Whereas the above bounden Samuel Bard hath received on bond from the Honble the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, for the term of two years from the thirtieth day of July last the sum of Five hundred Pounds lawful money aforesaid as an encouragement to erect works within this State for extracting Salt from Sea Water agreeable to certain resolutions of said Convention made and pass'd on the said thirtieth day of July.

Now therefore the Conditions of the above obligation are such that if the above bounden Samuel Bard shall and do before the expiration of three Kalender months from the date hereof erect and complete Works within this State for the extracting Salt out of Sea Water at such Place or Places as the County Committe of the County where such works are to be erected shall deem most proper and at least fifteen miles distant on the Sea Coast from any works of the like kind and also that if the said Samuel Bard and Benjamin W. Muirson their Heirs Executors or administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Nathaniel Woodhull his Executors Administrators or Assigns for the use of the Representatives or future Legislators of this State the said sum of Five Hundred Pounds lawful money of New York or Twelve Hundred and Fifty Bushels of good white merchantable Salt manufactured by the said Samuel Bard as aforesaid on or before the thirtieth day of July which will be in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and seventy eight, then the above obligation to be void, but on failure of either of the above Conditions to be and remain in full force and virtue.

SAMUEL BARD. [SEAL.]
BENJ. W. MUIRSON. [SEAL.]

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

RICHD. BETTS,
BENJ". WELLS.

William Floyd to the President of N. Y. Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 231.]

Philadelphia, August 10, 1776.

S^{r}: The situation of our provence, or State, is truly alarming; and it gives me Concern that I cannot hear more particularly what its true State and Circumstances are. I beg you would favour me with a few lines on that Subject, as often as your time will permit be pleased to let me know what you hear of the Situation of our friends on the Eastward part of Long Island, what is to become of General Woodhull, M^{r} Habort, Tredwell, M^{r} Smith and others, have you heard anything from my family, has any of our friends Got off the Island with their families, or what must they submit too, Despotism or Distruction I fear is their fate, we have nothing new here all Important news is with you, is our Convention sitting; are they forming Government, where are the two armies what are their probable Intentions, is New York to be Evacuated as well as Long Island without fighting, or will our army like the Romans of old Consider the Invaluable prise for which they are Contending and with their fortitude attack the enemy where ever they can find them; knowing that Death is Rather to be Chosen than life upon the Terms our Enemies will Suffer us to hold it.

If our Convention is not Sitting please to Inform me who I can Draw upon for money to pay my Expences and you^{l} very much oblige S^{r} your humble Serv^{t},

W^{M} FLOYD.

Report on Commissary Livingston's Account.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 95.]

Mr Abraham Livingston has lately delivered in an account of the Number of Rations, which he as Commissary, furnished to the Troops in the State of New York, at the foot of the account there are a Number of Charges which the Auditor General does not think himself authorized to allow without the direction of Congress, and prays that he may have some directions accordingly.

The exceptionable charges are:

James Hounan and Nehemiah Carpenters Sallaries as deputy Com^{rs} at Fort Constitution,	£31	2	10½
John King, Jun., 90 Days pay as Clerk, at 8 s	36		
William Hodge, do 6 Months,	35		
James Cock, asst at Horns Hook,	11		
Barnt & John Sebring, for 55 Days attendance for two Hands, a 5s.	27	10	
Abraham Morris, 1 Month 10 Days work,	9	6	8
Isaac Ball, Jun., 4¾ Months Clerk hire, at £64,	25	6	8
Mathew Daniel, 3½ Month Boat hire, at £20,	70		
John Henry, Clerk hire,	48		
My service as Commissary 2 Months at 125 Dolls per Month, one half is,	50		
	£343	6	2½
Abraham Livingston has reed pr Order of Congress,	£9600		
He returned to the Treasurer at White Plains,	1324	16	
Remains,	£8275	4	
The Amnt of his Accts as he furnishes them,	8324	2	4
Due to him as the acct stand,	£48	18	4

But he is still to Credit some Provisions he omitted.

Augst 12th 1776.

Certificate.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 216.]

These may certify that I Elijah Holly L^t^ of a Ranging Company [promised that] Thomis Christopher Hall shall be Dismissed from the service By the first of March next. August 12th 1776. ELISHA HAWLEY.

Witness LEMUEL SMITH.

These may certify I saw Christopher Hall Receive 40 shillings Bounty for the seven months & no more.

Test: LEM^L^ SMITH.

Abraham C. Cuyler and others to President Woodhull.

[Petitions, 33: 112.]

HARTFORD, 12th August, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: On our arrival here the 19th of June last we Requested our Friend Colonel V. Cortlandt to lay our very disagreeable situation before you, and in Consequence Requesting relief but learning from him that the Proceedings of the Committee of Albany against us had not been Transmitted to Congress, notwithstanding that Board had been wrote to for that purpose an answer not being received has caused this delay, we then furnished Mr. Cortlandt with a Letter containing our accusation from that Board to his Honour Governor Trumbull, which we beg leave to observe is couched in General Terms without any thing Specific, nevertheless finding no relief, we on the 29th Ult° renewed our Request to you by Letter thro' Colonel Cortlandt, who informs us a further referrence to the Committee of Albany is yet tho^t^ needfull, which causes a further delay to our relief, we could hope this Referrence might be dispensed with as our Respective cases must be well known, as some members of your House were in the Committee at the time we suffered Transportation unheard and unquestioned, therefore earnestly Request your giving us such Relief as you Judge our disagreeable situation require and are Gentlemen Your very hu servants,

ABR^M^ C. CUYLER,
JOHN DUNCAN,
STEP^N^ DE LANCEY,
JN° MONIER,
for BENJ. HILTON Jn° Monier.

To the Honorable JOHN WOODHULL, Esq., President of the Convention of the State of New York at Harlem.

Abraham C. Cuyler and Henry Van Schaak to the N. Y. Convention.

[American Archives, 5th series, 1: 1527.]

HARTFORD, August 12, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: Should your House not think proper to grant us immediate relief, on our application of this day, I beg leave further to trouble you with a request to return home for a few days, to visit a sick wife, who is at present unable to take care of my children and large family, and in the meantime to settle some of my private affairs, which, on my sudden removal, were left unsettled, where I also may have an opportunity of removing that jealousy which is now entertained against me. I flatter myself that when you consider the many inconveniences myself and friends suffer, and that only on a supposition of guilt, of which I am at any time ready to exculpate myself, you'll at least grant this request. I remain, gentlemen, your very humble servant, A. C. CUYLER.

To the Hon. Members of the Convention of the State of New York.

HARTFORD, August 12, 1776.

GENTLEMEN: As you preside over the State of New York at this critical and very alarming juncture, for the safety and welfare of its inhabitants, it gives me a right to inform you that I have been transported hither unheard, unquestioned, and contrary to the principles of the Bill of Rights published by the Honourable the

Continental Congress in February, 1776, as well as subsequent resolves by that Board. As the post is at this moment going off, I have no time to state at large the grievances I labour under. I shall, therefore, be brief, and acquaint you that I am conscious to myself that I have neither said or acted in opposition to the measures pursued by the United Councils of the Continent, or those recommended by the Provincial Councils. It therefore appears hard that the most sacred rights I hold in society should be violated. I have been sent hither under every appearance of guilt, without being allowed an opportunity of knowing the crimes for which I have suffered transportation. That I may not be charged with neglecting to apply for a knowledge of my supposed crimes to that power which inflicted the punishment, I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter wrote to the Albany committee, signed by myself and others in the same situation.

As I have suffered a long confinement, torn from my family and friends, my affairs going to ruin, and obliged to maintain myself at a very great expense in this State, and now under order to go to New London, what punishments will follow them God Knows; but proceedings so vague and loose promise nothing but indefinite punishments. To you, gentlemen, as the guardians of those rights which are held valuable in society, I now appeal for a stop to further punishment, by suffering me to appear before you, there to be condemned or acquitted. As I am known among many of you, gentlemen, I hope this can be granted without any apprehensions of my deviating from my parole. Should there, however, be any doubts, I will readily be at the expense of a guard to conduct me to you. I remain, with great respect, gentlemen, in haste, your most obedient, humble servant,

HENRY VAN SCHAAK.

To the Hon. Members of Convention of the State of New York.

Examination of Isaac Bragaw.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 87.]

Isaac Bragaw of Queens County being examined says that on Fryday the 9th inst Capt Samuel Hallett asked the examinant to go with him to Jamaica Bay a claming, that the day following early in the morning the examinant together with Joseph Hallet the son of Capt Hallet, John Greenoak Jun Samuel Ryder & a Negro man belonging to Capt Hallet went from the Mill of Mrs Van de Vere to Barren Island in Jamaica Bay where they arrived about 12° clock—About half an hour after Capt Hallet called to a man fishing in a Canoe and desired him to take the examinant and Samuel Ryder to shore and told the examinant that now was his time (Capt Hallet meaning) to push, by which expression the examinant thought he meant to go to the Fleet at Staten Island as Capt Hallet told the examinant the day before he would go there if he had an opportunity and as he and the other three persons went out at the Gut and have not since returned But that Capt Hallet did not tell the examinant where he was going at that time and that all the Baggage Capt Hallet had with him was one loaf of Bread half pound Butter and a small piece of smoked Beef.

(Indorsed.) August 13th 1776. ISAAC BRAGAW.

Roll of Kings County Troop of Light Horse.

[Petitions, 33: 62.]

A Roll of Commissioned Officers Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Troop of Light Horse of Kings County, which were upon duty in order to Drive off the Stock, Commenced August 14th 1776:

Upon Duty and came over from off Long Island:

William Boerum,	1st Lieut,	William Elseworth,	Private,
Jacob Sebring,	Ensign,	Jeremiah Brower,	Dº
Isaac I. Sebring,	Qr Master,	James Casper,	Dº
Joseph Sebring,	Private,	William Boerum,	Dº
John Hicks,	Dº	Adolphus Brower,	Dº
George Powels,	Dº		

Upon Duty but remained upon Long Island:

Thomas Everit,	2nd Lieut	Stephen Schenck,	Private,
Joseph Smith,	Private,	Robert Galbreath,	Dº
William Everit,	Dº	Samuel Etherington,	Dº
Abraham Rappleye,	Dº	Nicholas Van Dam,	Dº

WILLIAM BOERUM, *Lieut.*

Request for a Commission for the Privateer Harlequin.

[Petitions, 33 : 116.]

Owners of the Privateer Sloop Harlequin, Daniel Shaw Commander viz Samuel Broome & Cº, John Broome, John Woodward, John Livingston, Daniel Shaw, Thomas Crabb, Abraham P. Lott, Stockholm & Dickson & Abraham & E Lott. The above Privateer Sloop is about 70 Tons Burthen mounts 14 ddble fortified Four Pounders, navigated & manned with 90 men, Provisions 40 Barrils Beef & Pork. Arms & ammunition 1000lbs Powder 50 Small arms.

The subscriber being one of the Forementioned owners, Requests from the Convention of the State of New York, a Commission for the above Vessel.

HAERLEM, Augt 14th 1776. JNº BROOME.

[Commission was Issued August 16th 1776.]

Bond of Captain Daniel Shaw.

[Misel. Pap. 36: 357.]

Know all men by these Presents, That we Daniel Shaw, Abraham P. Lott & Samuel Broome of the City of New York are held and firmly bound to the Honble John Hancock Esqr President of the Congress of the United Colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex on Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, to be paid to the said John Hancock or his certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, in Trust for the Use of the said United Colonies: To which payment well and truely to be done, We do bind Ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals—dated the Thirteenth Day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1776.

The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden Daniel Shaw who is Commander of the Sloop called the Harlequin belonging to Saml Broome & Co of New York in the Colony of New York Mounting Fourteen Carriage Guns, and navigated by Ninety men, and who hath applied for a Commission or Letters of Marque and Reprisal, to Arm, Equip, and set forth to Sea the said Sloop as a Private Ship of War, and to make Captures of British Vessels and Cargoes, shall not exceed or transgress the powers and Authorities which shall be contained in the said Commission, but shall in all Things observe and conduct himself, and Govern his Crew, by and according to his same, and Certain Instructions therewith to be delivered, and such other Instructions as may hereafter be given to him; and shall make reparation for all Damages sustained by any misconduct or unwarrantable Proceedings of himself or the Officers or Crew of the said Sloop—Then this Obligation shall be void or else remain in Force.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of ——

Andrew Bostwick to Robert Benson.

[Petitions, 33: 162.]

GOSHEN, 15th Augt 1776.

Dr Sir: In consequence of my unfortunate situation I have Inclosed a Petition to the Presendent of the Convention praying for that relief which the Tumults & Convultions of the times has hitherto prevented me from geting.

Suffer me therefore my friend to Request your Influence with the Members that I may have Redress. I Request no more than that Freedom which will enable me to be serviceable to my Creditors my family & my Country. I doubt not your willingness to assist me, in doing which you'll ever oblige D^r^ Sir Your unfortunate friend,

AND. BOSTWICK.

Petition.

[American, Archives, 5th Series, 1: 1530.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of New York in Covention assembled: The Petition of Andrew Bostwick, an insolvent debtor, now confined in the Jail of the County of Orange, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioner through sundry losses and disappointments in trade, is rendered incapable of making full payment to his creditors, by which means he has been in actual confinement for near seventeen months; that your petitioner has no desire to be discharged from the payment of his just debts, without making all the satisfaction to his creditors that is in his power; and is apprehensive that a resolve of the honorable Convention, permitting the Sheriff to release him from confinement on such conditions as they shall deem meet and proper, cannot, in the least injure the creditors, but, on the contrary, will better enable him to settle his affairs with them more to their mutual advantage than he could do while continued in confinement. Your petitioner, therefore, most humbly prays this honorable Convention that they would take his case into their consideration, and grant such speedy relief as the nature and necessity of the case requires. And your petitioner as in duty bound, shall ever pray, &c. AND. BOSTWICK.

Appointment of Lieut. Zephaniah Miller.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 103.]

August 16^th^ 1776.

To the Honorable Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

This is to Certify that Zephania Miller is appointed a Lieutenant to Capt. Micah Townsend upon his first Lieutenant Saml. Townsends being promoted to a Captainey, which said appointment has received the universal approbation of the general Committe of the County of West Chester.

By order of Committee,

W^M^ MILLER, *D. Chairman.*

Resolved, that a Commission be filled up for Zephaniah Miller and sent to the Committe of Westchester.

Examination of William Newton and others.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 107.]

Augst 18^th^ 1776.

William Newton being examined declares that he stood his Draft at New York & that he found a man in his stead & accordingly produced a Certificate from Capt. Steele in Coll. Remsens Beat in New York, Certifying the same & further declares that on the account of the difficult times in New York he left the City with his family about three weeks ago. That he had since he came here expressd his desire of geting off to keep out of the way; That a person (whom he did not know) told him there would be an opertunity in two or three Days, that accordingly an opertunity offered & he & five others (whoes names he did not know) Imbarked but would not confess where they were bound for, that they landed at the beach between 10 & 11 °clock last night & went to the house of Mr. Van Brockell between 1 & 2 °clock, that he knew not who put the sheep & Ducks on board.

Being asked wether the Prisoner in the House were with him he thought it was not a question which he was bound to answer, but intimated they were & at his withdrawing Desire it might not be discovered that he had Intimated it.

Mr. Van Brockel who lives on the beach at Rockaway, Declares that very late last night two men came & knocked at his door, and after he had let them in, they told him there were four more out of Doors & he asked them why they kept out in the rain. Declares that after they had been in his house between 2 & 3 hours our men came on them, that he does not know where they came from nor where they were agoing, that he knows none of them but Peason Langdin.

Peason Langdin examined at first said he did not know where the boat was taken from nor where it was, but afterwards confessed it belonged to one Isaac Denton, that they came out of Motts Crick, that there were six in the boat, that he meant only to keep out of the way while they were drafting men & did not intend to go further than the beach where he was taken. He does not know who put the sheep & ducks a Board. Being asked if the Prisoners (then in the house) were in the boat he said they were & that the Person who made his Escape from the troop was one Jonathan Smith.

Abraham Probasko being examined declares that Yesterday after noon he went with Mr. Van Brockel from Jamaica to the beach at the house of Van Brockel. That late at night some men came & knocked at the door & were let in. That he knew none of them but Peter mills. That this morning when the troop came up he counted the men that were in the house, that there were Six.

James Dickason Being examined saith that he belongs to Dutchess County in Philipses Patent a trader there, that last winter he came to New York to settle some accounts with the merchants, that while he was in York the river froze up so that he could not return, that as he had relatives at Oyster Bay he came up & spent two or three months with them, that at his return into Dutchess County it was then reported he had been on board the man of War & that there was a person who had been on board the man of war who would swear it, that he was threatened with being sent a Prisoner to the Fort at the High Lands, there to be obliged to Role gravel & that they push their bayonets into his guts to make he do it, that he went to the person who it was said could swear of his being a board the man of War, that he carried him to the Committee & he declared before the Committee on oath that it was a Lye, & he had never said Mr. Dickason had been on board the man of war, that this summer while he was in New York A Person told him of Person he had seen on Long Island who had been obliged to leave his home with a Wife & 8 Children, that he enquired who the person was and being told he knew him & Determined to come Over, find the man out & Carry to the Committee of his County to make up the matter so that the man might stay in peace with his family, that he has been on the Island ever since. Being asked where he was going in the boat & whether he put the sheep & Ducks on board he said he knew nothing of the boat & Ducks & Sheep that were a board & if we had any thing to charge him about the boat we must prove it. Upon being told that he knew that he did not speak the truth for we could prove by the confession of one or two of the Prisoners that he was one that was in the boat, he seemed struck with Confusion, being offered his bundle with Close if he would tell wich bundle it was; he refused to own that he had any close, but after two or three Hours when he found it did not avail him any thing he then owend one of the Bundles.

Peter Mills of Jamaica Being examined saith that hearing that one half of the Millitia was to be Drafted he intended to stand his Draft & go himself if drafted— but that his mother would not let him & persuaded him to keep out of the way, that the reason of his being on the beach was, that Mr Lewis had a desire to see the beach, which he had not seen a great many years, that he went with said Lewis, denied his going in the boat with the others or that he knew any thing of the Sheep or Ducks, said that he had no other close with him but what he had on his body, but he likewise, afterwards owned one of the Bundles.

Mr Lewis being examined saith that he lives in Westchester that he came over here after a Legacy that was left him by his Grandfather, that he met with Mills at

his uncle Motts, that they two went alone to the beach walkt it a foot first said it was about 11 at night, but being asked if he saw any thing of the boat at the beach he said yes that he saw them when they first got to the beach in the evening, being told how he had contradicted himself about the time of night he arrived at the beach & that it did not avail his Denying being aboard of the boat, for that we had positive proof he was, he said he heard we could prove it Confest they were all equally concerned in the boat.

The above examination taken at the widdow fosters at Rockaway August y^e^ 18^th^ 1776 Before the Capt of the troop & the subscriber, JOSEPH ROBINSON.

Petition of Joshua Purdy and other Prisoners.

[Petitions, 33: 108.]

White Plains Goal, August the 18^th^ 1776.

Gentlemen: Our Confinement is at Present the cause of our Troubleing your Honourable House with this our Imperfect Petition: we have conversed with the D. Chairman of the General Committee of this our County, who we have Desiered to wait on you and will if called on Deliver our sentiments fuller than we are able to set forth with Ink and paper. Gentlemen as we are Convinced we are confin'd on no other Principal then for the safety of the States of America we Rather applaud then blame you for it; we have not been wise enough to associate with you, still we are not unwise enough not to concider that self Preservation is the first Law of Nature. Still Gentlemen we flatter ourselves that what we say here (joined to what the person we send will add) will convince your Honourable House that our Inlargement will in no wise endanger the States of America, which being done to the full satisfaction of your House we Dout not (Trusting in the Goodness of the members that compose your Body and the safety of the State is the only motive of your Confining us) but that we may have our Inlargements, our Proposial is first, that we will in no wise Resist or opose the authority of the States of America: seeondly that whenever an attack shall be made on the said States, if we cannot find a Resolution sufficient to join our Breethen and neighbours in Repeling force by force, then and in such case we will Repair Immediately to the Comon Goal of our County, or to such other place as you in your wisdom shall think proper; and Thirdly for the performance of said propositions we are willing to Bind ourselves under the Ties of Bonds or Solemn Oaths, so Gentlemen we rest it here only Refering you to M^r^ Miller and desiring you to Take our case into mature consideration, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &e.

Joshua Purdy,	Edmund Ward,	John Besley,
Caleb Morgan,	Samuel Merit,	Isaac Brown,
John M^c^Cord,	Phillip fowler,	Barth^w^ Hains,
Gilbert Horton,	Gabriel Purdy,	Joseph Purdy,
Josiah Brown,	William Barker, Jun^r^	Jonathan Purdy.

Resolution releasing John Purdy, Josiah Brown and Isaac Brown.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 576.]

Whereas Joshua Purdee, Josiah Brown and Isaac Brown now Prisoners of State in the County Jail of Westchester, have been represented to this Convention, as having expressed an Inclination to return to that Sacred Duty which they owe their Country—by M^r^ Jonathan Jenkins one of the Deputies for the County of Westchester, and M^r^ William Miller Deputy Chairman of Committee, of the said County, and whereas it is the ruling Principle of the Convention of this State to exercise lenity to their deluded Countrymen, so far as is consistent with the public Safety,

Therefore Resolved, That the aforesaid Joshua Purdee, Josiah Brown and Isaac

Brown be permitted to reside as Prisoners of State under a Guard at their own Expense at the House of Mr William Millar Deputy Chairman of the Committee of Westchester until such Time as they shall give to this Convention good Reason to believe that they may be enlarged without Danger to the Am. Cause. Resolved that the said William Millar pledge his honor to this Convention that they shall keep Company with no Persons disaffected to the American Cause, and that they shall be forthcoming whenever sent for by this Convention, or by a future Legislature of this State.

Aug. 20, 1776.

Petition of Cadwallader Colden, Junr.

[Petitions, 33: 164.]

To the Honble the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention.

The Petition of Cadwallader Colden Junr of Ulster County Esqr Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner Impressed with the most painfull apprehensions of Callamities that would flow from a separation of the American Colonies from the government of Great Britain, Did in the beginning of the present most unhappy Disputes, appear opposed to such measures as he Imagined would Involve his Country in Distress, in consequence of which he was stigmatized by those from whom he Differ'd in Sentiment with the odious appellation of an Ennemy to his Country, and thereby became the object of invective, Slander and malvolence was offten insulted and frequently threatened with Destruction of his Person and Property.

That notwithstanding your Petitioners attachment to the rights of private judgement, and although he conceived the freedom of Disquisition & Debate on Topicks which affected the Public weal to be the Birthright of Englishmen, and a Priviledge which Pertieularly distinguish the Freeman from the Slave; Nevertheless your Petitioner willing to avoid the giveing the least cause of offence determined no Longer in vain to oppose the prevailing Current opinion, of which his Determination he by Letter acquainted some of the Commitees in the County, so long since as the 3rd of May last was a Twelvemonth, and in a few days after was among the first that signed the generall association, since which time your Petitioner doth aver that he hath in no way whatsoever opposed or obstructed any publick measures, nor hath he in any one Instance either Perswaded or Diswaded any man from Persueing the Propensity of his own Inclinations: In testimony whereof your Petitioner hath publicly called upon his accusers and persecutors to adduce any proof to the contrary, Notwithstanding which and without the least cause your Petitioners house was surrounded by an armed body of men Commanded by Col[l] Palmer in the dead of the Night of the 24th of June last and on being granted admission he the said Palmer and Divers others proceeded to search every part of the house of your Petitioner for arms and ammunition &c and allso Examined his Desk and Chest of Papers and tho' said Palmer declared himself perfectly satisfied that your Petitioner was destitute of all offensive weapons &c he nevertheless seized on the person of your Petitioner and sent him under strong guard to New Windsor, and the next day was Convey'd as a Prisoner to New Burgh, where, upon being called before the Committee, he Excepted to their jurisdiction alledging its Locality to their own Precinct and that he lived in the Precinct of Hanover, and if guilty of any offence the Commitee of said Precinct was of Competent authority to take cognizance thereof, and therefore Desir'd that any matter he might stand charged with might be reffer-red to the Committee of Hanover, But this being over ruled your Petitioner appealed to the County Committee or Convention upon which he was then discharged giveing his Parole to appear before them when Notify'd by a Letter from the Chairman of the Board.

That the next day your Petitioner heard that Col[l] Palmer and some of the party who had surrounded his house in the Night, had in the Neighbourhood Pretended to be in Persuit of a man said to be come from on board the Man of War, that at the house of one Mary Knap they had actually overtaken and seized a man (*one of their own Party*) who was made to confess or say that he had made his escape out of your

Petitioner's house, when he heard the Party comeing to it in the night and that he had deliver'd to your Petitioner Letters or Messuages from on Board the Man of War and had also brought a Letter to said Mary Knap from her Husband who was on board the man of War.

That considering the temper of the times your Petitioner thought such a Report if belived in his Neighboorhood might be of Dangerous Consequence to him, therefore Emediately wrote a Letter to the Chairman of the County Commitee (not knowing him to be one of the Commitee he had allready been before) acquainting of the surcumstances of this whole affair and desireing a hearing before the County Commitee. But before this Letter got to the hands of the Chairman the Commitee had sat and ordered your Petitioner to appear before them on the 9th day of Jully, *to answer the charges that then may appear against him touching his being an enemy to the American cause*, a coppy of which order was served on your Pettitioner.

That accordingly on the 4th of Jully your Petitioner appear'd before the County Commitee, and that tho' no charge was ever adduced against your Petitioner, much Less suported, of his acting Inimical to the Liberties of his Country, or that he in any manner whatsoever opposed obstructed or counteracted publick measures, And that the story concerning the man from on board the Man of War, Escapeing out of your Petitioners house, was acknowledged by Col[l] Palmer and some of his Party to be only a piece of Fun (as he called it) or contrivance formed to impose upon the said Mary Knap, yet to the surprise of your Petitioner and the astonishment of the County, your Petitioner was ordered to the Common Goal of the County in close confinement under every surcumstance of Indignity and Disrespect, From whence your Petitioner took the Liberty to inform your Hon[ble] Board of his grievances and to pray for Relieff.

And your Petitioner further sheweth, That Tho' the President of your Hon[ble] Board was pleased to answer his Letter the 16th of Jully in which he informed him that your Board was pleased to Reffer the matter back to the County Commitee yet he did not Receive this Letter till the 31st Neither did the Chairman of the County Commitee give Notice to your Petitioner of the matter being Refer'd back to the Commitee, Nor sent him the Presidents Letter till apply'd to for it.

That your Petitioner upon the Rec[t] of said Letter, hearing that the County Commitee was to meet the 6th Ins[t] and not knowing wether they would please to call him before them, wrote a Letter to the Commitee and allso made aplycation to them throo his friends Desiring their reconsideration of the rigorous Treatment he had Received by a close Confinement in a jayl for near five weeks without any charge against him (as has been already shown) and soliciting his Discharge. Notwithstanding which all the Indulgence your Petitioner was able to procure has been a release from the common jayl upon giveing security in the Exorbitant sum of Two Thousand Pounds, not to go off his farm untill fully Discharged by your Hon[ble] Board.

Your Petitioner therefore Relying on the Equity and Humanity of your Hon[ble] Board, Doubts not but that as you are the advocates of freedom, you will shew yourselves Equally the Patrons and Protectors of the Inocent and oppressed, and speedily grant him an ample Release from the unmerrited and arbitrary Restraint he at present Labours under, and your Petitioner as in Dutty bound shall Ever Pray.

COLDENGHAM, Aug[t] 21[st] 1776. CAD[R] COLDEN, Jun[r].

Adjutant-General Reed to the President of the N. Y. Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 113.]

HEAD QUARTERS, NEW YORK, Aug. 21[st] 1776.

GENTLEMEN: I am directed by his Excel[ly] Gen[l] Washington to forward the enclosed letter* for your Perusal & Advice. The General is inclined to grant the request it contains if it shall not appear to you who from your Situation must be

* From Governor Josiah Martin, dated on Board the Sovereign transport, 16th instant, requesting permission for his wife, children, and all or any of his father-in-law's family, with whom they reside at Rockaway to go on board the British fleet. For the answer of the Convention, see *Journal I.* 483.

better able to judge what consequences will follow it, do not advise him against it, the messenger will go on to Kings bridge & has orders to call on return & wait for an Answer. You will please to return the letter at the same time. I am with great respect Gentlemen your most obdt & very Hbl Serv. JOS: REED.

Return of Captain Day's Company.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 215.]

Return of the Men Inlisted in a Company of Which I am expected to take the Command:

Serg^{t} Uriah Carpenter,	August 8, 1776.	James Williamson,	August 14, 1776.
Serg^{t} Daniel Ranny,	August 8, do.	John Johnson,	August 14, do.
Bildad Easton,	August 16, do.	Fairbanks Moore, Ju^{r}	August 14, do.
Abner Wright,	August 16, do.	John Smith,	August 15, do.
John Wise,	August 16, do.	Tim^{o} Parker,	August 15, do.
Joseph Willard,	August 12, do.	Elijah Parker,	August 17, do.
John Morse,	August 12, do.	Nehemiah Gould,	August 17, do.
Fairbanks Moore,	August 12, do.	Moses Gould,	August 17, do.
Lemuel Cone,	August 12, do.	James Hickson,	August 18, do.
Nath^{ll} Kitredge,	August 12, do.	John French,	August 18, do.
Daniel Hogins,	August 12, do.	John Abby,	August 18, do.
Nathan Robinson,	August 12, do.	Sam^{ll} Averell,	August 21, do.
Calven Chaffee,	August 12, do.	Joseph Phippan,	August 21, do.
John Sterne,	August 14, do.	James Crafford,	August 21, do.
Abraham Dickerson,	August 14, do.	Jacob Abby,	August 21, do.
Jonathan Fuller,	August 14, do.		

Per ELKANAH DAY.

N. B. One of the Leut^{s} has not made return. I undestand a Serg^{t} has Inlisted 6 men but not made return, we have about 50 inlisted but in this Haist Can't ascertain their names for want of the returns being made.

Resolution of the Dutchess County Committee.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 265.]

In Committee, Dutchess County, Aug^{t} 21st 1776.

Resolved, that persons be appointed to inspect and take an Account of all the Salt in the County except what may be intended for the private use of Familes, and that no person presume to sell any Salt in or remove it out of the County till the further Order of this Committee, and that the persons so to be appointed be authorized to send for any persons and Examine them under Oath touching the premisses.

Resolved, that M^{r} Thomas Storm a member of the Committee be Authorized to wait upon the Convention of this State and inform them that there is a quantity of Salt in this County but supposed to be not more than sufficient to supply the Inhabitants of the County at one Bushel per each family & that it is exceedingly wanted and pray the advice of the Convention whether the Salt may be sold and distributed or whether notwithstanding the wants of the County it ought to be removed for the use of the Army and if the latter, which will be the most prudent & elegeble mode of keeping and removing it.

By Order of the Committee,

EGB^{T} BENSON, *Chairman.*

Memorial of John Holt and others.

[Petitions, 33: 140.]

A memorial humbly recommended to the consideration of the honourable Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, held at Harlem August 1776.

Your memorialists humbly propose that an immediate Order of this honourable Convention be issued to prevent the paper makers from being compelled or permitted to go upon military service, since in the present infant state of that necessary manufactory the check it would receive in either of those cases would in all human probability entirely suppress the Manufactory which has been for many weeks past & is at present the only means of supply of papers to every department and Business in the State which without it would be laid under the most disstressing Difficulties which will be obvious to every one upon the least consideration. The Continental Congress sensible of this have lately passed an order respecting the paper makers of Pensylvania, similar to this now required in this State, where it is hoped the same Reason will have a similar Effect.

If this matter should be thought deserving the notice of this honourable House, it is humbly requested that they would as speedily as possible issue their order since the least Delay must irretrivably ruin some paper manufactories, which have supplied the Continental Stores with great quantities of stores absolutely necessary for public service, have supplied several other necessary Businesses, and are now by being compelled into military Service upon the very point of Dissolution, it is hoped the Inaccuracies in this hasty Expression of our sentiments will be excused by Gentlemen Your most humb^{l} Serv^{t}

JOHN HOLT, *Printer.*
CHARLES LOOSLEY,
THO^{s} ELMS, *Paper makers.*

Petition of Charles Shaw.

[Petitions, 33: 148.]

To the Honorable the Gentlemen of the Convention of the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The Memorial of Charles Shaw humbly Sheweth,

That your memorialist has in conjunction with his Partner an Insurance made in England to the amount of £2100 Sterling now depending unrecovered, owing to the present unhappy disputes: as he is unable to transmitt the necessary proofs. That he is also equally interested with his partner in Bills of Exchange to the amount of £1100 Sterling now in litigation before the Court of Chancery in England; that he has allso an inheritance in England to the value of £1200 Sterling or upwards; That your memorialist is a native of Great Brittain, that he left there numerous connections; that he is married in this Country, and has Children which he sincerely wishes with their posterity may remain Freemen, and in order thereto he has with cheerfullness Contributed, and never directly or Indirectly either by act or Deed given aid or Comfort to the enemies of America. That he acted as a Commette man for the City and County of New York, in which Capacity he flatters himself he gave Satisfaction to his Constituents, he is confident he acted honestly. That he loves this Country and wishes to spend his days in it and hopes to see his offspring happy in it, that he has stood Clear even of the Suspicion of being unfreindly to it in any instance whatsoever. And flatters himself the above reasons will justify him in the minds of the Gentlemen of the Convention, when he prays they will Exempt him from appearing with the Sword drawn, and in the field of action. And therefore begs the Honorable Gentlemen of the Convention will Exempt him from the Militia duty that may be exacted from him by the Captain of the District in which he now Resides. That your memorialist has hired a small House and Eight or Ten Acres of Land in the Borough Town of West Chester, where he has placed his family, that he should wish to remain there, but that nevertheless if his being an Englishman should create any fears of the members of the Community in which he resides

(Confedent they have no other) he is ready to go to such place as the Gentlemen of the Convention shall direct, tho' should prefer Claverack where his wife has some connections and hereby sollemnly Declares to the Gentlemen of the Convention that he loves this Country & the freedom of its inhabitants, that he never has directly or Indirectly by act or Deed taken any step to injure either, and never will, and is Ready to Ratify this declaration in whatever solemn manner the Convention may think proper.

WEST CHESTER, 22 August 1776. CHA^{S} SHAW.

Petition of the Proprietors of the Stirling Iron works.

[Petitions, 33: 168, 170.]

To the Honorable House of Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York:

The Petition of Abel Noble and Peter Townsend Proprietors of Stirling Iron Works, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners having contracted to make about sixteen Ton of Large Anchors, Eighteen Ton of Bar Iron and Five Ton of Steel for the Continental Service have for the making the said Anchors, constructed a new Anchor work, as the Bellows and Cranes of the old works were not sufficient for the wraughting of Anchors of Twenty seven and Thirty Hundred Weight. But forasmuch as the Artificers and Labourers have been and still are liable to be Drafted out of the Militia, your Petitioners will not be able to perform their Contract unless the said Artificers and Labourers are protected from serving in the said Militia. Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray that your Honours will be pleased to grant a protection to so many Artificers and Labourers as are mentioned in the Schedule hereto annexed from serving in the said Militia, until the said contract shall be performed and also to the Number of Hands mentioned in the said Schedule for carrying on the Furnace, which is now under Blast, and which must unavoidably stop unless such Protection be granted. And your Pettitioner Shall Ever pray, &c.

ABEL NOBLE.

[Aug. 22, 1776.] PETER TOWNSEND.

For the Anchor Work: 5 Firmen, that is, one to each fier; 10 Sledgmen, 2 Tenders with Cole, & other Neadfuls.

For the Steal Works, six fiers: 6 firmen, 6 assistane, 1 Stock Taker, 1 Carpenter, 1 Smith, 2 Colyers, 10 Collers hands, 4 Cole Carters, 1 Clark for the above Steal. Likewise 1 Carpenter.

1 Forge for making Anchor & Barr Iron, 5 Firman To work at the fiers, 5 Dito assistane, 1 Stock tacker, 1 Carpenter, 1 Blacksmith, 1 Teamsman to Cart pigs from the Furnes to the forge, 3 Head Colyers, 15 Hands Labourer for the Colyers, 6 Cole Carters for the forge and Anchor Work, 1 Clark for the forge and Anchor Work, 1 Overseer for the forge and Anchor Work.

Furnes: 1 founderer, 1 Keeper, 2 fillers of the furnes, 2 Pounders of Ore, 1 Mine burner, 1 Stock Taker, 1 Guter Man, 1 Carpenter, 1 Wagen Maker & Mender, 1 Smith, 4 Miners, 2 Mine Carters, 10 Cole Carters, 5 Master Colyers, 25 Collers and Labourers, 1 Furnes Clark, 1 Oversear or Cheaf Manager.

ABEL NOBEL.
PETER TOWNSEND.

Petition of Inhabitants of Hempstead, Queens County.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 480.]

We, your Humble petitioners, being Freholders and Inhabitants of the parish of Heamstead in Queens County and Supporters of the American Cause are Under the disagreeable Necessity of Laying before Your Honourable house the dificulties we are under in putting the Orders in Execution in moveing the Stock of the above s^{d} parrish.*

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* *See* Jour. N. Y. Prov. Congress, 24 Aug., 1776.

From the best Computation we Can make there are Not Less than Seven thousand horned Cattle, Seven thousand sheep, one thousand Horsess in the parrish, Comprehended within the above order, and removed in pursuance of it, a Number so large it is Conceived Cannot possibly live long; Where they are drove on the brushy plains they will be Entirely destitute of Water, besides having other verry scanty means of subsistance, and the Extreem distress to which the Execution of this order must Expose many people with their famalies so that some among the poorer Sort, for ought we know must be left to starve, the Cattle and Sheep many people have turned off to fat for the Use of the Continental army and their own famalies will be lost as To all the purposes of such provision and their famalies destitute of that Necessary supply for winter. In several parts of the parrish there was last year a distemper among the Horses, which swept off such a Number of them that many people have been obliged since to depend Intirely upon oxen. These being now taken away they are deprived of the only means they had of Carrying on any Labour upon their farms, that requires a Team of Horsess or Oxen, the Consequence of which must be, that they Cannot Secure their present harvest, nor till the Earth for a future one, and Conceiveing that our Case is deplorable and that we can have no Releif but by the Interposition of your Honourable house who is the Guardians of the Inhabitants of this Colony, we do most Humbly pray that you will Take the Same Into your most Serious Consideration and Grant such Relief in the Premises as You in Your Wisdom shall seem meet.

Thomas Tredwell,
Jacob Seaman,
Samuel Jackson,
Benjamin Seaman,
Richd. Jackson, Jun^{r}
Jacob Jackson,
Joseph Birdsall,
Salomon Seaman,
Joseph Carpenter,
Obadiah Jackson,
John Williams,
Zebulun Seaman,
John Wil^{ms} Seaman,
John Birdsall,
James Birdsall,
Oliver Birdsall,
Carman Barits,
Lawrance Fish,
Gersham his x mark. Smith,
Richard Smith,
Valentine H. Peters,
John Elsworth,
William Seaman,
Richd. Jackson,

Zeb^{n} Williams,
David Batty,
Israel Eldrid,
Benjamin Cromwell,
Silvanus Bedell,
Samuel Seaman,
Obadiah Seaman,
John Seaman,
Israel Oakley,
Luke fleet,
Silas Carman,
Jeames Ryder
Zofar Hawkings,
W^{m} Jones,
Gilbert Jones,
John Jones,
Jn^{o} Simonson,
Jacob Totten,
George Wright,
Gabrel Van Cot,
Stephen Denton,
Johanas Covert,
Cristoffil Stimusson,
Jacob Wonsar,
James Van Cotts,

Thomas Dean,
William Covert,
Cornelius V. Scots,
Thomas Place,
Richard totten,
Daniel Noorstrant,
Henry pragret,
Henry Walters,
Garet Van Oorstrant,
Banjaman wansor,
Anthony Wright,
Tise Laane,
William Wansor,
Embree Shadbolt,
David Cassel,
Garret Monfoort,
hendrick Hendrickson,
James Burch,
Solomon Pool,
Smith Brush,
John Lewis,
Nathen Skidmore,
Beniaman Tredwell,
Geames pien.

James Livingston to John Jay.

[Petitions, 33: 154.]

Dear Sir: I am just now informed by Cap^{t} Wright that he can raise a Company of Men in this Town and subburbs; shoud take it as a particular Favour you'd mention the matter to the Gentlemen of the Provincial Congress & if approved of, beg you'l furnish him with Money for that Purpose. He is a good Recruiting Officer, and believe he'l soon Raise his Company. I shall settel the matter respecting the Rank of the officer with General Schuyler agreeable to orders from Congress, as

soon as these two Companies of Wright's and Stewart are fill'd General Washington will order them to the Northward where I propose going to Morrow or next Day at farthest if not wanted here. The enemy are at Flatbush, their Numbers not Known, tho' we every moment expect an attack. I shall wait your answer this Evening & am with Respect Yours &c, JA^{s} LIVINGSTON.

New York, 24th August 1776.

Election of Chaplain Eliot.

[Petitions, 33: 190.]

New York, 24th Aug^{t} 1776.

The members of the Honorable Congress of the State of New York are informed that the officers of the 3rd Battalion in General Scott's Brigade, have made choice of M^{r} John Eliot as Chaplain for 3^{d} Regiment. The Congress is requested by their signature to Establish M^{r} Eliot in that office in which he has served from the 7th of this Ins^{t}.

I have the honor to be Gentl^{n} your most ob^{t} hb Serv^{t}

SAM^{L} DRAKE, *Colo^{l}*.

Petition of George Harris.

[Petitions, 33: 158.]

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York now sitting at Haerlem in the County of New York.

The Petition of George Harris most humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioner has lived in Rye in the County of Westchester, these fourteen years last past in the capacity of a School Master, during which Term in that toilsome occupation he acquired a small Estate between Five and Six Hundred Pounds in value, and that with the approbation of his Employers, till the unhappy Dispute commenced between the Colonies and Great Britain, The cause of the former being warmly espoused by him, and arguments in support of the Liberties of America strenuously maintain'd against his Neighbours in Hopes that their Mind would be turn'd so as to set a true Estimate on the Great and valuable Blessings of Freedom they enjoyed in this once most happy and generous Land that was the Receptacle of the industrious Poor, emigrating from subjugated Countries where slavery and poverty was entailed on them and their Posterity. The People of Rye being wholly devoted to the Interest of the Crown shut their Eyes and Ears against reason and knowledge and every day grew more and more Disgusted with your Petitioner on account of his Political principles, till at last a scheme was set afoot to effect his Ruin which was thus. On the twenty seventh Day of July last past your Petitioner was in the Night robbed of a Silver watch and four Dollars in Cash by a Person whom he thinks and takes to be Izariah Wetmore of Rye whose Father was Competitor with your Petitioner for the School and did what he could to injure him in his business; the next day a certain M^{rs} Budd who keeps a disorderly and Base Tavern in Rye, whose Husband is a man of ill Fame and now in arms against his Country with the British Force near New York enter'd a complaint against your Petitioner saying that she found his watch near her Bed or in her house and that he opened her window to disturb her, upon which your Petitioner was committed to Goal without being examined by any Magistrate; upon which the People of Rye, or some of them who favour'd the Schoolmaster (Wetmore) broke open the School House that he occupied so many years, in which at that Time was upwards of One Hundred and Forty four Pounds in Cash of which they have robbed your Petitioner to the amount of more than twenty six Pounds, which he can get no account of. After a confinement of almost three weeks your Petitioner was enlarg'd upon his verbal promise of giving security to appear when called upon. Two days after your Petitioner was let out of Goal he Deposited into the hands of John Thomas Esq^{r} Bonds

Exceeding the sum of Three Hundred Pounds to appear as above. Now he is out of Business, and the Fruits of his long and steady Labour wasting amazingly as it has been this month past; his School taken away and the School House denied him by James Wetmore the Brother of that arch Tory or Enemy to his Country Timothy Wetmore, who has and does yet keep up the spirit of Toryism in Rye, he being their Grand Molock, whom they adore and worship and indeed who justly has deserved to have been removed before now to some distant place where his Influence would not reach or be able to debase the People with his pernicious Doctrines, of which he is so fond of inculcating Daily; tho' he now might spare himself the Trouble of farther preaching, as he has so well grounded the whole Neighbourhood in Principles most inimical to American Freedom and Liberty. Your Petitioner having given a true and faithful Narrative of his grievous and unfortunate Case, and he being very near sighted and now in years advanced, having for a series of years served to the utmost of his Power that Base People of Rye, who after his services seek his Ruin unmerritted, Prays you in your Wisdom, Tenderness and Compassion to take his Deplorable case into your consideration, and grant him relief, as his Destruction is sought by Persons that are as great Enemies to the State of New York, as the Forces under the Command of Lord Howe, and as he alone is the Person who is a real Friend to America in the foolish and simple Town of Rye. The Relief your Petitioner prays is that your Honours will grant him a Line to John Thomas Esq[r] ordering that his Bonds and watch may be delivered to him which would enable him to prosecute those that have robbed him and recover his money. Should your Honours think proper at any Time to call upon your Petitioner to answer the charge of that vile woman M[rs] Budd (whose house is only frequented by Persons that Discourse about the Hanging the leading Gentlemen that stand gloriously for their Country; and the straggling or stroling Persons that fall in her way, who can be entertained till Debauched in the last degree) he will directly obey and attend, as well as he did perform his promise to M[r] Thomas two days after being out of Prison; when he might go away with his substance where he pleased, but his character being so well established for Probity and his Innocence such that he cou'd not Harbour the most Distant thought of running away; which were he to do his Enemies wou'd be the more rejoiced. The said Timothy Wetmore purposes to Prosecute your Petitioner, as soon as the Day is carried by Great Britain, which he thinks is now at the Eve, for being as he supposes the author of a Letter written against him and his Principles, and publickly read at the White Plains, last Spring in the midst of a Concourse of People. These are the causes of Malice and Rancour against your Petitioner who hopes to be reliev'd by your Honorable House, and as in duty bound will ever pray, &[c]. GEORGE HARRIS.

HAERLEM, August 26, 1776.

Receipt of John Talman for Poor's Money.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 365.]

FLUSHING, Aug[t] 26[th] 1776.

Rec[d] from Robert Harpur the sum of Two Hundred Pounds ordered by the Honourable Convention of the State of New York to defray the expences of such poor families as have been sent here from New York by order of the said Convention. JOHN TALMAN.

Colonel Drake to General Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 339.]

NEW ROCHEL, Aug[t] 27[th] 1776.

SIR: I have but just time to inform you that tow Men of Warr is now anchored between hart and City Islands. They have but jest come to an anchor. I thought best first to Raly as many of the Militia as possable. There is one more that has gone past frogs pint in a hurry from your JOSEPH DRAKE.

To Brigadier General MORRIS.

Examination of Samuel Hubbard of Gravesend and John Curry of Bedford.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 457.]

Said Hubbard saith that last thursday morning before the Troops landed he went to Bedford upon Business. That upon his Return home finding the Enemy in Possession of the Place he returned to Brucklin—and has avoided them ever since. That he has signed the Association, & come over to this Place to help remove Lieu[t] Vanderbilt's Wife & Family & Benson's Wife & Daughter to Mr. Benson's. That he knows John Curry, and never heard him talk unfriendly.

John Curry, saith that he has signed the Association, has been a Pedlar for a Number of Years. That he came off yesterday upon the approach of the Enemy, from Bedford, into our Lines, with his Goods, and came with them in the same Craft with Mr. Van Derbilt's Family.

Mr. John Sickles saith, Parson Schoonmaker told him that he was acquainted with M[r] Hubbard, and that he knew him to be a hearty Friend to the American Cause.

Petition of Abraham King.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 325.]

The Manner of Cortland, Aug[t] 29[th] y[e] 1776.

To Mr. Peter R. Livingston, President.

I Beg the favor of you Sir you will Be so good To send Me a order to Jems Clinton Brigadere Ginrel at the Fort Mongoray with my fery Boath belong to me with this a greate damage to the Country a greate Coling for the Ferry boate with this grat dameg to our Trups. We are detane very much for wanting of the Farry Boate for to gow a cross the Farrey. Thar will be no fare there is Gard Kape at my huse.

ABRAHAM KING.

Ebenezer Hazard to Robert R. Livingston.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 329.]

New York, Augst 29[th] 1776.

To Robert R. Livingston.

Sir: If it is possible do Keep a Corps de Reserve of the Congres's Orders for us: M[r] Samuel Broome is to go to Connecticut this week for the purpose of procuring Salt Petre, but if none can be had we shall want your friendly Assistanee; Perhaps a Letter from you to Congress mentioning the State of the Case, would procure an Order for the 12 Ct. Powder which would answer the same end.

Nothing new this morning. Mr. Schenck carried a letter for you to Haerlem.

In Haste Y[r] very hum Serv[t]

EBEN. HAZARD.

Bill of Expenses incurred by the Committee of Southold.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 111.]

In Committee, Southhold, August 29[th] 1776.

These certify that the committee of Southold have expended Twenty four Pounds Seventeen Shillings & four Pence in mounting four Cannon as field Pieces for the protection of the East End of Long Island.

By Order,

ROBERT HEMPSTED, *Chearman.*

Petition of Jonathan Purdy.

[Petitions, 33: 144.]

To the Honorable the President and members of the Provincial Congress of New York.

The Petition of Jonathan Purdy Junr of Westchester County Humbly Sheweth,

That your pettitioner hath been confined in this place for a considerable Time merely on Suspicion of being an enemy to the Country, when your Pettitioner was Enlisted into His Majesty's Service, and received His Bounty upwards of six Months ago, before there was any thought, or even the Least Suspicion of an alteration of Government; and as your Pettitioner humbly concieves that he acted agreeable to the Dictates of Concience in the affair as he can see no reason offer'd that can Invalidate his oath of allegiance, He humbly begs of your Honors, to consider his case and to allow him the same Priviledges as other Prisoners of War in the service of His Majesty, by being allowed his Liberty on Parole to any certain Boundary your Honors may think Proper and your Petitioner hereby Promisses and engages never to interefere on one Part or the other during the Present unhappy troubles, but will behave himself as becomes a faithfull subject and Prisoner belonging to His Majesty till such time as there may be an Exchange of Prisoners, or that the Matters may be otherwise settled.

Your Pettitioner Humbly submits his case to this Honorable House and begs that they wold consider your Pettitioners unhappy case, and order him such relief as to this Honorable House shall seem Meet.

And your Pettitioner as in Duty bound, shall ever pray.

White Plains Goal, August 30th 1776. JONATHAN PURDY, Junr.

Committee of Safety to General Washington.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 353.]

In Committee of Safety, Harlem, Augt 30th 1776.

Sir: By order of the Committee of Safety of this State I transmit to your Excellency the Examination of Daniel Redfield in order that such measures may be persued for baffling the Enemys operations as your prudence may dictate.

I have likewise to inform your Excellency that on yesterday morning one Lounsberry of Westchester County who had headed a party of about 14 Tories was killed by a Person named Flood on his refusal to surrender himself Prisoner; That in his Pocket book was found a Commission signed by Genl How to Major Rogers empowering him to raise a Battalion of Rangers with the Rank of Lieut Col Commandant. That annexed to this was a Warrant to this Lounsberry signed by Major Rogers appointing him Captain of one of these Companies & a Muster Roll of the men already enlisted.

The Committee of Safety will transmitt to your Excellency Certified Copies of all these papers as early as possible.

I am, sir, by order, yours &c

His Excellency Genl Washington.

[See Journal of N. Y. Provincial Congress, I 601, for Redfield's examination.]

Petition of Henry Chase.

[Petitions, 33: 100, 102.]

Wight Plains Goal, August 30th 1776.

Gentlemen: My confinement is the Reason of my Petitioning to you the Honorable Provential Congress, hopeing your Honours will be Pleasd to Take my Case into Consideration for the Comete of Safety Says that they have no Right to try me So I leave my Case to your Honnours Gentlemen and Begg that your Honnours would Concider me for I have bin imprisoned a long time, and nothing Appeared

against me, So I begg that your Honours would consider me as Quick as Possible for I am a Poor man and itt is a Great Dammage to me to Ly in Prison, so Gentlemen I Leave my Case to your Honnours not Douting but your wisdoms Gentlemen will do me jestice, the Broken Petition from me, HENRY CHASE.

Postscript. Gentlemen I should be very glad if your Honnours would be so good as to send for me before your Honnour as Quick as Possible and in so doing you will greatly me. (*sic.*) HENRY CHASE.

Westchester County Committee to Henry Chase.

In Committee of Safety for the County of Westchster, White Plains, Aug. 21st 1776.

You are under the immediate cognizance of the Convention of the State of New York and this Committee thinks proper to inform you that they cannot take your case into consideration you must make application to the Convention if you want your case considered.

By order of the Committee.

To H. Chase, Prisoner. JOSEPH YOUNGS, *D. Chearmon.*

Pay Roll of part of Captain Ludlum's Company.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 391.]

Pay Roll of Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, & Privates belonging to Capt William Ludlum's Company in Col Josias Smith's Regmt raised on Long Island and have not returned to Long Island) from 25th July to 31st Augst 1776, both days included—

NAMES.	Commencing	Ending	Months	Days	Pay	£	S	D
Lieut Ephraim Marston,.....	25 July	31st Augst	1	7	144	8	16	4
Corporal Noah Smith,.....	do	do	1	7	58 8	3	12	..
Corporal Obad Smith,.....	do	do	1	7	58 8	3	12	..
Privates								
John Ennis,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
Richard Betts,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
Stephen Ryder,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
Sylvester Smyth,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
Nehemiah Carpenter,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
Nehemiah Baylis,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3
John Baylis,.....	do	do	1	7	53 4	3	5	3

[Remainder Wanting.]

Resolution of the Committee of Guilford.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 143.]

In committe meeting of Inspection, Guilford, Aug 31st 1776.

This meeting being called on acct of a Letter* Recd from the Congress of New York Dated Harlem Augst 28th 1776 Desireing the Committe of Guilford would assist in Removeing the Stock from Long Island & also the People that were desireous of Removeing.

Whereupon it is considered & voted that this committe will comply with the above request & that Nathanael Ruggles Esq., Samuel Brown Esq., Solomon Leete Nathanel Stone & Samuel Lee Jun be a Committee to carry the same into execution.

A True Coppey of Record. Tests: SAML BROWN,

Clerk of Comte of Inspection for said Guilford.

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* Jour. Prov. Cong. I. 598.

Petition of Donald Morrison.

[Petitions, 33: 292.]

Unto the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

The Humble Petition of Donald Morrison, Humble Sheweth,

That your poor Pettitioner was Imployed as a laborer to work at the mines in Dutchess County unluckily broke his leg in two different places which accident has Rendred him into a deploarable circumstance since 6th July last 1776, and was informed that the Convention when at Haerlem allowed him so much subsistance per week providing he to be willing to repay the same into any Law Service when capable to work, he therefore is willing to comply accordingly he brought his family to the Fish Kills for that purpose and applyed to Mr McKesson Secry for the same, who will not advance the money without his giving security for it which he cannot produce owing to be a stranger here, therefore is in Hopes to receive subsistance on my own security as my distressed condition stands as object worthy of support which I shall if I live see the same thankfully Repaid.

I am Gentm Yours &c to Serve

DONALD his x mark MORRISON.

(Indorsed.) Allowed that he have the money granted him at Haerlem on his own Security.

Report of the Committee on Obtaining Intelligence.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 291.]

Your Committee to whom it was Refered to devise ways and means to Obtain Intelligence from the Committee at New York, Report it as their oppinion that the following Resolve for that purpose be entered into.

Resolved That Uriah Mitchel and Samuel Duyckman be employed as Riders, That Mitchel sett out from this place and Duyckman from New York on one and the same day, and both meet at the house of John Blagg, this side Croton's River and there exchange mails with which each are to return to their respective Stages the day following so as to arrive as early as possible on that day, that is Mitchel to Fishkill and Dykman to New York and sett out again the day after and perform the same Stages and so to continue as long as this Committee or the Convention of this State shall think proper to employ them, and that there be allowed each respectively while in said service the Sum of 16s pr day.

[Sept. 1, 1776.]

Report on a Letter from the General Committee for the City of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 279.]

Your Committee to whom was referd the letter from the Depy chairman of the General Committe of the City and County of N. York, Report

That it is their opinion a letter be wrote to Said Committee, approving their conduct in Committing John Sloan and Thos Clark, requesting that they may be continued in the Goal at N. York untill this Convention order a farther enquiry into their crimes.

Also for confining John Hitchcock as a person whose going at large might be of dangerous consequences.

That the Committee be ordered to continue in Goal George King and endeavour to apprehend Abraham Jones and him also Committ, for being guilty of burglary.

It's the opinion of your Committee, That the General Committee of said City ought to be empowered to commit all persons in said City who shall be guilty of violating the Criminal Laws of this State, provided no magistrate can be found to grant a mittimus agreeable to law, and that they continue such persons in confinement untill the Government of this State can be organized or they receive further directions from this Convention.

List of Deserters from Colonel Swartwout's Regiment.

[Associations, 30: 395.]

MEN'S NAMES.	Day of Enlistment.	Age.	Where Born.
Deserted from Captn Duryee's Compa			
Abm J. Lent,	July 31,	39,	West Chester.
John Gee,	Do 30,	20,	East Chester.
Michael Gulnack,	Do 31,	22,	Long Island.
John Snediker,	Do 29,	37,	Do
Whitman Records,	Do 31,	20,	Rhode Island.
John Varmiliah,	Do 29,	21,	West Chester.
Daniel Shaw,	Do 29,	23,	Fish Kills.
Jacobus V. D. Water,	Do 29,	16,	Do
Jacob Lane, Sergt.,	Do 31,	32,	Jersey.
Bernard Van Cleek, Do.,	Do 30,	28,	Poughkeepsie.
from Capt Ludington's Compa			
Thos Nickerson,	Augt. 2,	27,	Connecticut.
Jams Richards,	Augt. 2,	34,	West Chester.
Anthony Hill,	Do 2,	30,	Dutchess.
William Hunt,	Do 2,	21,	West Chester.
Isaac Moo,	Do 6,	22,	Connecticut.
Elias Bailey,	Do 2,	27,	Orange.
Joseph Hitchcocks,	Do 2,	21,	West Chester.
from Capt Schenck's Compa			
William Slack,	July 31,	22,	Rhode Island.
William Goodfellow,	Do 31,	30,	Fish Kills.
from Cap Lane's Compa			
Joseph Carl,	Augt. 5,	19,	West Chester.
William Crofoot,	Do 5,	18,	Dutchess.
Abraham Purdey,	Do 7,	28,	West Chester.
Joshua Clark,	Do 7,	22,	Do
John Youmans,	Do 3,	22.	Do
from Cap Swartwout's Comp'			
Stephen Wood,	Do 13,	25,	New York.
from Capt Veal's Comp'			
Gabriel Wright,	Do 1,	36	Dutchess.
Jacob Lane,	Augst. 2,	29,	Do
——— Travis,	July 30,	19,	West Chester.
from Capt Van Wyck's Compa			
Samuel Ward,	July 30,	23,	Dutchess.
William Smith,	Do 28,	23,	West Chester.
Wm Anble,	Do ..	..	
James Totten,	Do 26,	22,	Do
Benjm Van Vlerkin,	Augt. 1,	30,	New York.
Henry B. Shear,	Do 1,	20,	Dutchess.
Zachariah Christian	Do 1,	21,	West Chester.
Jacob Young,	July 31,	25,	Germany.
Danl Wright,	Do 31,	23,	Dutchess.
Shuden Worden,	Do 30,	19,	Connecticut.
Saml Potter,	Do 31,	35,	Rhode Island.
Benja Bolt,	Do ..	..	
John Williams,	Do ..	..	
Jeremiah Eamy,	Do 29,	22,	Dutchess.
George Sickler,	Do 31,	18,	Do
Alpheus Ingersoll,	Do 26,	18,	Do

Cornelius C. Roosevelt to the Provincial Congress.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 61.]

GENTLEMEN: The twenty six muskets of Mr Noble have received with the Contract and Order—Agreeable to which I applied to four gunsmiths in order to view them and advized them of the Contract upon which they examined said muskets and gave the inclosed Certificate.

I am Gentleman in behalf of Mr Peter S. Curtenius your most Obedient and Very Humbl Servt, CORNS C. ROOSEVELT.

Augst 31st 1776.

To the Honourable Representatives of the State of New York.

Report of Committee on Teamsters employed in obstructing the Hudson River.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 465.]

Your Committee to whom was Referred the Consideration of a letter from Gen. George Clinton accompanied with a Petition from Sundry Persons employed as Teemsters in obstructing the Navigation of Hudson's River near New Windsor begg Leave to Report the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that there be allowed unto every person employed with a Team consisting of one pair of Horses and a Driver or for one pair of oxen and a Driver, the sum of two Dollars per Day and for each for two pair of Horses and a Driver or for two pair of oxen and a Driver three Dollars per Day for each Team, and that the wages established by this Resolution continue only to the fifteenth Day of May next.

Resolved, That a letter be wrote to General George Clinton Inclosing the above Resolution.

[August, 1776.]

Muster-Roll of Captain Hatch's Company.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 213.]

Muster Roll of Captain Joseph Hatch's Company of Rangers under the command of Major Joab Hoisington:

Men's Names.	When Enlisted.	Men's Names.	When Enlisted.
Capt Joseph Hatch,	Aug. 13, 1776.	Eldad Poast, Junr	Aug. 25, 1776.
Lieut Simeon Stevens,	Aug. 13, do	Phineas Parkherst,	Aug. 13, do
Lieut Amos Chamberlain,	Aug. 13, do	Moses Kelley,	Aug. 14, do
Sergt Elias Stevens,	Aug. 13, do	Otho Stevens,	Aug. 14, do
Sergt Samuel Hadley,	Aug. 13, do	Jonathan Hadley,	Aug. 14, do
Sergt Joel Chamberlain,	Aug. 13, do	John Mills,	Aug. 14, do
Corpl Steven Percival,	Aug. 13, do	Benjamin Barnet,	Aug. 14, do
Corpl Jacob Page,	Aug. 14, do	Ashur Chamberlain,	Aug. 14, do
John Huchinson,	Aug. 13, do	Samuel Eaton,	Aug. 15, do
Sylvanus Owen,	Aug. 13, do	Timothy Sergiant,	Aug. 15, do
Thomas Abner,	Aug. 13, do	Robert Miller,	Aug. 20, do
John Brown,	Aug. 13, do	William Chapley,	Aug. 23, do
Elijah Waterman,	Aug. 13, do	Abel Davies,	Aug. 24, do
William Baxter,	Aug. 13, do	Antoney Toney,	Aug. 27, do
Seth Belding,	Aug. 20, do	Ephraim Webster,	Aug. 28, do
Henry Barton,	Aug. 20, do	Nicholas White,	Aug. 15, do
Elijah Balding,	Aug. 26, do	James M. Lawton,	Aug. 30, do
Samuel Curtiss,	Aug. 26, do	Philip Herrimans,	Aug. 14, do
Thomas Savage,	Sept. 2, do	Moses Herrimans,	Aug. 7, do
Robert Handy,	Aug. 21, do	Jessee Heath,	Aug. 12, do

Test: JOSEPH HATCH, *Captain.*

Examination of John Wooley.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 320.]

Kingsbridge ss.

The examination of John Wooley Prisoner confined on suspicion of going on Board the Enemys Shipping & Supplying the Enemy with Provisions & upon Examination of the said John Wooley he being asked how often he had been on Board the s^{d} Shipping answer was made by the Examinant only once. Observing that a Boat the Property of this Examinants Father lay exposed to being taken by the Enemy whereupon this Examinant with his Brother Philip went in Order to remove s^{d} Boats out of the aforesaid Danger in accomplishing which they were met by a Barge from the Shipping (Fairly exposed to their View) and taken & there upon carried on Board the Shipping & upon the Enemys receiving Intelligence from persons (as he thinks) who fled aboard upon Principle of Toryism—The Examinant being asked whether or no he was a brother to Thomas Wooley who this Examinant says fled aboard & absolutley refused to take up arms against the Ministerial Army whereupon he answered he was; whose conduct this Examinant says he conjectures was a means of his & his Brother being treated with the Lenity and usage they received. at the same time asserts & says that offers being made to him this Examinant in case he would supply or feteh them Provisions they would be set at Liberty whereupon this Examinant answered he had none, nevertheless, together with his Brother was dismissed. This Examinant being further ask^{d} in regard to the Shipping what number of shipping, also what number of Men he took to be on Board the Ship he was taken; in answer to which says, he saw two 32 Gunships & one 12 Gun Brig and as for the number of men on Board the Vessel he was on Board of says he imagins to be about 220 or about that number which being all the information he can give recolective to the State of s^{d} Shipping. The above Examination taken by us this 2nd Sept^{r} 1776.

THOMAS MOFFAT, *Major.*
ALBERT PAWLING, *Maj^{r} of Brigade.*

Petition of Captain Townsend's Company.

[Petitions, 33: 103, 104.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of the Lieutenant non-commissioned officers & Privates belonging to Capt^{n} Micah Townsend's company raised to be under the Direction of the Committee of Westchester County, Humbly Sheweth,

That the Honorable the Provincial Congress of this Colony when they gave Instructions for raising Capt^{n} Townsend's Company allowed the Lieutenant 12s per week and the non-commissioned officers and privates 8s each per week in lieu of Rations & Subsistance.

That at and near the White Plains (which is the head Quarters of the Company) the allowance for their subsistance does not amount to near enough to support them, they being unable to get victuals for less than 1s per Meal, or to hire their Board at any tolerable rate but by the week; that your Petitioners entered the Company & Did duty in the most busy season of the year before & during Harvest time & have had a harder share of duty than the Troops who were allowed by your honorable House 20 Dollars Bounty & who have generally received near 40 Dollars.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honorable House will be pleased to increase the Pay for their Subsistance so far as to enable them when they live with Frugality to support themselves by it in the part of the County where they may reside, or be ordered, And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Zephaniah Miller, Lieutenant,
Jacob Travis, Serjent,
William Martin, Serjent,
Joshua Mead, Serjent,
John Beaks,
William Seaman,
Elijah Millor, Jun^{r},
Nathan Holmes,
Thomas Ramond,
Samuel Howell,
Uriah Travis, Ju,
Jonathan Finch,
John Travis,
James Miller, Jun^{r},

Reuben Bloomer, Corp[l],
Thomas Brooks, Corpo[l],
James Strobdy, Corp[l],
Anthony Miller, Fifar,
James Carpenter,
William Williamson,
Elven Hyot,
William Sniffon,
Moses Higons,
John Broadstreet,
Samuel Miller,
Samuel Lyon, Jun[r],
Stephen Munday,
Frederick Datin,
William Fredenborough,
Jonathan Ferris,
Robert Bloomer, Jun[r],
Zecheas Dible,
Absolim Hutchins,
Daniel Dean,
Jeremiah Rozell,
John Mills,
Jerediah Owen,
Benjamin fretenborough,
Robert Merrit.

In Committee of Safety for the County of Westchester
at the White Plains, Sept[r] 2[nd] 1776.

Resolved, that this Committee recommend to the honble the Convention of this State the reasonableness of increasing the Subsistance Money for Capt[n] Townsend's Company as they are of opinion that 8s per week per Man is not a sufficient provision for them. By order of the Committee,

JOHN THOMAS, Jun[r] *Chairman.*

Order from General Howe.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 323.]

Huntington, Sept[r] 2 Day, 1776.

Sir: You are hereby ordered and directed to give orders to all the Kings Captains or next Commanding Officers of the Militia in the third Battallion in Suffolk County to call their several Companies together at the usual place Imediately and to Order all them that have taken up Armes against the King to lay down their Armes and take the Oath of Allegiance to the King and to sign a Role of Submission disclaiming and Rejecting the Orders of Congress or Committee and to obey the legal authority of Goverment.

This by order of Genl Howe, By the Direction of Majer Oliver Delancey.

To Coll Phineas Fanning, or the next Commanding Officer.

I here in Close a true Copy of the wrighting sent to me from janereel how

A True Copy: HENRY B. LIVINGSTON.

Pass to Nehemiah Carpenter.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 317.]

Permit the Bearer hereof, Nehemiah Carpenter, Senyer, to Pass as far as Norwark he being a friend to the Amaraca Liberty. Wesehester County, Newrochel y[e] 4[th] of September. 1776.

ABRAM GUION, *Chairman Sub Committee.*

Thomas Quigley to Thomas Randall.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 275.]

On Board the Putnam, Cranbery Inlet the 4[th] of Sep[t] 1776.

Sir: I am sorry to inform you that there is a great disturbance in the Vessel which made its appearance During my absence, and Cap[t] Cregier went away without informing me of it. They I understand had told him they were determined not to sail under his Command, and requested that they might be permitted to Petition the Congress for a Discharge from the Vessel, on acc[t] of his bad conduct which he did not grant. On my requesting to way the anchor in order to go out, they one and all aquainted me it was their Determined Resolution never to act in the Schooner while he had the Command of her, upon which I have thought fit to grant them the

liberty to Petition and send it by the bearer of this Letter, as I imagine that the Cap^{t} will not inform you of these Disturbances, have thought to aquaint you in this manner and as he is not Expected back under Eight or ten Days should be glad you would write me as soon as possible and let me know in what manner you think it most prudent for me to act. Your Compliance will much oblige your Humble Serv^{t} THOMAS QUIGLEY,

THOMAS RANDALL, Esq., one of the Marine Committee, Elezth Town.

Bond of John Woolley.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 307.]

Know all men by these presents that we John Wooley of Hemstead, Queens County, Yeoman, and Richard Thorn Esq^{r} and Henry Stocker, both of Hemstead aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto Abraham Yates, Jun^{r} Esquire, President of the Convention of the State of New York in the Sums following to wit: the said John Wooley in the Sum of fifty pounds, and the said Richard Thorn and Henry Stocker in the Sum of twenty-five pounds each, to be paid to the said Abraham Yates Jun^{r} or to his certain attorney, Executors, administrators or assigns; for which payment well and truely to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our Seals and Dates the fifth day of September, 1776.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John Wooley do not go to any part of Nassau Island without the permission of the Convention or legislative authority of this State of New York for the Time being, and in the mean Time if the said John Wooley shall and do behaive himself as a faithfull and good subject of the State of New York, and not afford any aid, assistance, support or comfort to any Officers or Soldiers of the British Fleets or Armies, or their allies, or adherents, or give them any Intelligence by any means whatsoever, nor violate any order or Resolution of the Congress of the United American States, or of the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State of New York; then the above obligation to be void, but on failure or non-performance of either of the above Conditions to be and remain in full force and virtue.

The word (Heamstead) be wrote on a former word.

JOHN WOOLLEY, J^{a}
RICHARD THORN,
HENRY STOCKER.

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us;
DAVID MILS,
MICAH TOWNSEND,
JOHN M^{c}KESSON.

Examination of Anthony Fusselabend.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 313.]

The Examination of Anthony Fasselabend of Col Riedesels Regiment of Dragoons who deserted at Montreal the 24th June with 19 others, but does not know what became of them.

Says that in February 2,000 Hessians, 3,000 Brunswickers and 3,000 Westphalians, the latter all Roman Catholics, embarked on Board 46 Dutch Vessel at Stade in, Hanover, and sailed for America, that 43 of these arrived at Quebec 27th May, the other three being blown off from the fleet in a storm about Easter and supposed to be lost. That some time in June the whole marched for Montreal where they arrived the latter End of the same month.

That 500 of the Westphalians and Brunswick Troops were drafted as Dragoons, Horses purchased in Canada and daily training for that purpose. 500 more were drafted as Riflemen. The whole are new Recruits from 16 to 22 years of age

quartered at Longuille opposite Montreal under the Command of Colonel Belnitz of the Brunswick Troops.

That at Quebec 10 of the Germans had Deserted, one was afterwards at Longuille, ordered to Run the Gauntlet thro' 300 men, but the whole of the German Troops mutinied, owing to their not receiving their pay and Provisions as promised 'em, refused to inflict the punishment, and were going to murder the General, but Col° Belnitz quieted them with promises of their receiving their allowances for the future.

That he understood all the Germans were to return about Michaelmas, and that the English and Canadians amounted to about 5,000 men.

Sept. 5th 1776.

Petition of Inhabitants of Cortland Manor.

[Petitions, 33: 94.]

CORTLANDTS MANNOR, July, 1776.

To the Honourable Representatives of the City and Provence of New York in Congress assembled.

GENTLEMEN; We the Subscribers being united friends to American Liberty, Considering our Defenceless state in case there should be an attect made by our enmies upon this Provence and Likwise our being surounded with Numbers of Tories who are dayly meditating our destruction and having two Large Store houses Contagous to the North River in which are great Quantities of Provisions, which we apprehend in case they should get Past the City with their Tenders they may Run up and suply themselves at pleasure out of these Store-Houses, which might prove very Dangerous to the Common Cause of this Country for which Reasons we Conceive it to be highly necessary that you would be Pleased to suply us with Two field Pieces with every thing necessary for an attect under your Directions for our defence in order to assist the Malitia of this mannor for which Purpose we mean to form ourselves into a Company of Artilery on our own Expence you giving us the Liberty of Chusing our own officers we understand there are some feild Peices at the uper fort in the highlands which can be spared, your complyance will greatly oblidge, Gentlemen your Petitioners, &c.

frances Pemart,	Thomas Mott,	Jesse Lockwood,
Peter Garson,	Caleb Hall, 3rd	James Spock,
David Poineer,	Staats Degroot,	Benjamin Taylor,
Abraham Stoothoff,	Luther Kinnicutt,	John Hall,
John Shearman,	Justus Wescott,	Roger Bessell,
Peter Buys,	Samuel Haviland,	William Penoyar,
John McCune,	Samuel Willians,	John Brewer.

(Indorsed.) Sept. 1776.

Lieutenant-Colonel Birdsall to the Convention.

[Petitions, 33: 96.]

FISHKILLS, Sept 6th 1776.

Gentlemen of the State of New York.

The Conditions of the Enlistment of the troops upon Long Island; They had the promose of 4£ Bounty, I were to Command one Company, accordingly I have but with only 26 men, they have offen complained for the want of their Bounty which is 104£, Exeept 34£, out I have Received, 70£ is now Dew for Bounty. I pray it may be Discharg[d].

I am att your servis, & from this Purpose with my men going to Long Island to joyn Colonal Smith, as I am senciable he wants assistance.

BENJE[N] BIRDSALL, *L: Colonal.*

Commission of Colonel Snyder.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 301.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

To Johan[s] Snyder Esq[r] Greeting: Whereas this Convention Did on the 7[th] Day of Sep[r] Instant direct and order the raising and imbodying, out of the Militia of the Counties of Albany, Ulster, Dutchess & Orange six hundred exclusive of Commissioned officers, to be formed into a Battalion in order to reinforce the Garrisons in Forts Montgomery and Constitution in the Highlands, Now therefore, we the Representatives of the State of New York, reposing especial Trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, Do, by these Presents, Constitute and appoint you in addition to your Command as Colonel of the First Battalion of the Militia of the County of Ulster: to be Colonel of the Troops so to be raised & Regimented. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Colonel of the said troops so to be raised by doing and performing all manner of things, thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command, to be obedient to your orders as Colonel aforesaid, and you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from time to time as you shall receive from this, or a future Convention of the State of New York, or of the Congress of the United States of America, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, of the Army of the said United States of America, or any other your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, in pursuance of the Trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force, until the said Troops so to be raised and Regimented shall be Discharged.

Attest. By Order of the Convention.

[Sept. 7, 1776.]

Petition of the Rangers of Charlotte County.

[Petitions, 33: 297.]

To the Honourable Members of Congress at Fishkill Convened.

Gentlemen: Your Petitioners are freeholders in County Charralotte Leatly Nominated by the County and ordred by your Honours as Rangers for County Charralotte, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner Leabour under great Difficulty sending every month to Convention for the pay of their men and at the return of any man sent to the Convention there is almost another month pay due. Your Petitioners therefore pray that you would grant us a pay master for this County who shall be appointed to pay the Rangers monthly, Your Petitioner would humbly propose to mention a man whom we think fit for that trust both in Learning and fidelity to the Libertys of America, John Gibson Scienier of New pearth, and we flatter ourselves that your honours Engaged in Liberty will allow us the Liberty of Nominating a man whom we would chus to Look to for our monthly pay we perswade ourselves that he will give Generall satisfaction to y[e] County & us.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Isaac Moss, Joshua Concky,	Captn[s]	Tho[s] Lyons, William Tyler,	Serjants.
Samuel Hamilton, Edw[d] Savage, Gideon Squire,	Lieutenants.	Jn[o] Hunsdale,	& under officers.

Instructions to Post Riders.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 241.]

Sir: You are hereby directed & impowered to repair from this place to New York, to agree with some person at Peekskill to keep a horse for the publick service and with some other person at Odles to keep another horse to Employ a rider and a third horse at headquarters who shall set out every morning at day break from thence, having waited upon the Gen[l] and the post masters the evening preceding for their

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letters & upon Gen[l] Clinton at Kingsbridge from whence he shall repair to Croton River at which place he shall engage to be by twelve O'Clock every day & exchange his Mail with that which shall go from this place every morning at the same hour and return the same into the Post Office that night. That such rider shall begin to ride on thursday next & continue to ride every day till the further orders of this Congress for which he shall be allowed a reasonable compensation & be exempted from Military Duty Or if he shall find it more advantagious he may agree with any person by the great to ride daily from New York & return thereto finding their own horses, for which he may be permitted to allow any sum not exceeding three Dollars p[r] day.

Sept. 8, 1776.

Manufacture of Powder.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 326.]

In Commiteee, Walkill, Ulster County, Sep[r] 11[th] 1776.

This is to certify that Henry Wisner Jun[r] has made sufficient Proof to this Committee that he had Manufactured at his Mill Nine thousand one Hundred and Eighty four Pounds Gun Powder, Between the first of March and the Ninth of June last by order of the Committee. WILLIAM WILKIN, *Chairman.*

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York.

Petition of Henry Chase.

[Petitions, 33: 90.]

White Plains Goal, Septemb[r] 13[th] 1776.

Gentlemen of the Honorable Provenshell Congress.

This my Humble Petition to Beg of your Honnours, Pleases to send for me that I may have my tryal for the County Commete and the Commete of Safty says that they have no Right to try me and I have desird them to send me to the Honnourable Provenshell Congress and they tell me that they Dare Not send me without orders from your Honnours Gentlemen so I shall be very Glad if your Honnours will be Good Enouf to send for me as soon as Possible, for I have bin in Prison Going on Eight weeks and I cant support myself any Longer, So Gentlemen I shall be very Glad if your Honnours would take my case into Consideration if your Honnours Pleases so that I may be clear[d] or condem[d] So Gentlemen I leave my case to your Honnours wise consideration not Douting but your Honnours will have compassion on a Poor Prisoner. HENRY CHASE.

Petition of Rineer Van House.

[Miscel. Pap. 33: 18.]

White Plains Gaol, Sept[r] 13[th] 1776.

To the Honble Provincial Congress of the State of New York,

The pettition of Rineer Van House of Orange County, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner hath now been upwards of six months confined in New York and this place, where he was ordered by this Honorable House, who formerly promised to remove your pettitioner to Albany, and to provide for his helpless wife and six children as the winter is now approaching. Your pettitioner humbly begs of this Honorable House to be removed over the River, where he may be somewhat nearer to his Family, as being destitute of money, he cannot even procure his clothes to be washed or mended, for want of which convenience your pettitioner is rendered quite loathsome by his dirty rags and vermin, and has no other hope but of perishing in this nauseous place, unless shortly relieved by this Honorable House, and your petitioner humbly hopes to be admited to his parole, as he is absolutely regis-

tered on the Navy Books, and has been so for the space of seventeen months after passing Examination as King's Pilot in the Fleet. Your petitioner humbly begs for such relief as to this Honorable House shall seem meet, and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

RINEER VAN HOUSE.

Governor Trumbull to Colonel Livingston.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 288.]

LEBANON, 12th Sept^{r} 1776.

SIR: Please to deliver to Col° Samuel Coit or his Order such number of Guns, Bayonets and Cartouch boxes as will be sufficient to arm and equip such of his Regiment as are destitute, taking care to have them appraised, and his receipt to see the same returned, extraordinaries excepted, a duplicate of Such Receipt and Appraisall to be returned to me.

I am Sir, Your Obed^{t} Humble Servant,

JONTH TRUMBULL.

To Col° HENRY B. LIVINGSTON, Saybrook.

Colonel Livingston to Colonel Coit.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 284.]

September 14th 1776.

SIR: I expected to have been sent for previous to the delivery of the Arms you had of me this morning. You have not Signed a receipt that I can with any face show to Governor Trumbull, I send you a form of one, and desire Captain Davis to deliver you the other, the Arms delivered you are not by any means intended to be sold. I have not authority to go so far, they are only a Loan, they belong to the Province of New York, they are not my property. I must therefore beg you either to deliver the Arms or a proper Receipt according to the form I send you,

Your most Ob^{t} and Humble Serv^{t}

HENRY B. LIVINGSTON.

Governor Trumbull to Colonel Livingston.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 289.]

LEBANON, 15th Septem^{br} 1776.

SIR: I have before me yours of the 14th inst. Acknowledge the favour of the Arms you are so kind as to lend for the use of our Militia.

Yesterday Cap^{t} Lestingwell of Norwich was here. I gave him a Letter to Col° Wolcott—Where in I have said—"What may be further done for the Relief of the "People on Long Island cannot be so well judged by me at this distance, must "therefore leave the same to your good discretion, if by the assistance of Men from "your Regiment, with Cap^{t} Lessingwell's Company and some armed Vessel that "may be employed, any thing further can be reasonably expected to be done on "Long Island for relief of those People or bringing off Stock, you will give your "Order accordingly. Otherwise Cap^{t} Lessingwell to join the 20th Regiment at or "near West-Chester."

By this you will see my desire to serve those people, doth agree with your inclinations—and if Col° Wolcott shall judge it prudent to make any further attempts on the Island—I readily comply therein—and the Command of the Detachment of Course devolves on you, In which I do heartily acquiesce and wish you Success in that, or whatever you undertake.

I am, with Esteem and Regards, Sir, Your Obed^{t} hum^{b} Servant,

To Col° HENRY B. LIVINGSTON. JONTH TRUMBULL.

Petition of John Fowler.

[Petitions, 33: 10.]

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Provincial Congress of New York.

The petition of John Fowler of the City of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner now a prisoner in the White Plains Gaol, Humbly begs leave to aquaint your Honors that your Petitioners unhappy case hath been grosly misrepresented by his Enemies, the truth as he shall answer to his God, being as follows.

That on the day the Men of War passed by the City, your Pettitioner having obtained leave of the Captain of the Guard, put off from Mr. Dean's wharf at the North River, in a small Boat, together with a certain Butcher named Stophell and your Pettitioner's son, a boy of about thirteen years of age, in order to purchase some sheep and Calves for New York market when your Pettitioner was unhappily overtaken by one of the Men of War's Tenders partly opposite Col. Philips when your pettitioner stretching over for the Western shore in hopes to gain Snethins Ferry, but being just abreast of the Meadows, as he could not make the Ferry on account of the Flatts, when the Tender fired four or five shot, which affair was distinctly seen by M^r^ Edward Drake, who saw them hoist out their Barge, and take every one of us out of Boat, and carry us on board the Tender, and after detaining your petitioners about an hour or two, they then carried them on board the Rose, where they were detained all night, when in the morning he sent us on board the Phenix, when the Cap^t^ asked us where we were going with the Boat, when my partner shewed his pass which intimated that he had liberty for so many days to buy creatures in the country, upon which the Captain interrogated us concerning the strength of the Army at New York, your Pettitioner replyed that to his oppinion he judged that there might be about Thirty thousand men or better, when Stophell told the Captain that a reinforcement of about seven thousand more were on there march to join them, when the Captain said Damn you you Rebels why didn't you come too when you was first fired upon, upon which said that the sails were so entangled that he could not get them down, upon which the Capt^n^ asked your Pettitioners if they would get some fresh provisions for them or otherwise they would burn your Pettitioners Boat, and insisted on keeping your Pettitioners son as a Hostage for their fidelity to return again, when your Pettitioner on going ashoro was with the said Stophell imediately seized and brought to this unhappy place where he is deprived of the common necessaries of life, and his helpless family in a deplorable condition, as everything is going to the utmost ruin.

Gentlemen your Pettitioner humbly begs you would consider how your honors would have acted in such a situation, as your Pettitioner declares he never was on board a Man of War in his life before, nor ever contracted, or furnished them with any kind of provisions or ever will.

Your Pettitioner therefore humbly begs for a hearing before your honors, when he makes not the least doubt of making his innocence appear to your honors entire satisfaction.

Your Honors kind complyance will ever lay an obligation on your distressed humble servant, JOHN FOWLER.

[Sept. 17, 1776.]

Petition of Colonel Graham and his Officers.

[Petitions, 33: 236.]

To the Honourable George Clinton Esq^r^ Brigadier General in the United States of America.

The Petition of Coll Morris Graham, and the officers of the Regiment under his Command, in your Honours Brigade, Humbly Sheweth,

That William Forman hath been appointed a Surgeon in this Regiment without the Knowledge or Recommendation of the Coll of said Regiment or any of the

other officers, In which appointment your petitioners think themselves much imposed upon by an unskillful Physician neither are they willing to trust their Lives in his hands or Employ him in any case whatever. Your Petitioners would also observe to your Honour that even the Privates will not employ him, but several of them have been at considerable Expense out of their own pockets in applying to other Physcian, we would beg leave to Recommend Doct^{r} Abraham Teller as a suitable persen for a Surgeon &^{c} to said Regiment who would be very agreeable to it, should he be appointed as such.

Therefore your Petitioners most humbly pray your Honour to take our case into consideration, and order the said William Forman to be Discharged from the Service and appoint the said Abraham Teller or some other skillful Surgeon for our Regiment, and your Honours Petitioners in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Morris Graham, Coll,	Ebenezer Mott, Lieu^{t}	Benj Bogardus, Lieu^{t}
Roswell Hopkins, L^{t} Coll,	Wil^{m} Deniston, Lieu^{t}	Samuel Waters, Lieu^{t}
William Barker, Major,	Harmen J. Knyckerbacker,	Stephen Edgeet, Lieu^{t}
Will^{m} Stewart, Cap^{t}	Lieu^{t}	William Mead, Lieu^{t}
Jn^{o} L. Hardenbergh, Lieu^{t}	George Sharp, Lieu^{t}	Elisha Barlow, Capt,
Reuben Hopkins, Adjutant,	John Seton, Lieu^{t}	Ezra S^{t} John, Lieu^{t}
Lieut,	Andrew Hearmense, Cap^{t}	Ebenezer Carter, Lieu^{t}
Peter Stoutenburgh, Cap^{t}	John Van Steenburgh, Cap^{t}	James Teller, Cap^{t}.

Report on Harboring Deserters and on the Rank of Officers, etc.

[Miscel. Pap. 39 : 317.]

Your Committee to whom was Refer^{d} General Clintons Letter of the 8th & Col Swartwouts of the 10th Inst. [Sept. 1776]* with the several papers Refer^{d} to in Said Letters and also to Report a Resolution against Harbouring Desserters,

Are of opinion that as Col^{l} Remsons Reg^{t} are Engag^{d} in Service for a Term of time already Expired they cannot be Esteem^{d} as holden to further Service in Consequence of said Engagement,

In the case of Col^{l} Smiths Reg^{t} Referr^{d} to in the Generals Letter it appears to your Committee that they were Inlisted for the purpose of preserving the Stock on Nasau Island and that there being Liable to be Cal^{d} to service off the Island was Neither held up nor expected at the time of Inlistment and that altho their joining General Clinton's Brigade might be very Servicable yet their being compel^{d} thereto in the opinion of your Committee might rather Injure than Serve our Cause.

With respect to the deficeency in General Clinton's Brigade as by his Return now before us your Committee advise that Circular Letters from the President of this Convention be forthwith Sent to the Commanding officers of the Several Battalions from whence General Clinton's Brigade has been Rais^{d} Enjoining on such Commanding officers without Delay to furnish the Several quotas Levied on their Respective Regiments and that the Respective Deffecencies of men be forthwith sent to their Respective Corps, and the more effectually to accomplish the Same that such Commanding officer may be Directed to have Recourse to the Resolution of this house of the Tenth of August last and also that Capt Smith, Commandant of the Dutchess County Guards be Directed to use his utmost Efforts in taking up all such persons in s^{d} Dutchess County as have or may Dissert from any part of our Army and Send them under proper Guards to their Respective Corps that a list of the names of those persons mentioned in the Return of Col^{l} Swartwout may be Inclos^{d} to Cap^{t} Smith—And that he be directed to Serve General Clinton with a proper account of the Expense which may accrue in Sending down Such Disserters.

The petition of Col^{l} Graham & others Refer^{d} to in the Generals Letter Respecting the Surgeon of Col^{l} Grahams Reg^{t} who was Regularly appointed, your Committee are of opinion is a matter in which they may not of Right Interfere.

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* 5 American Archives, II. 242, 276.

As to the two persons mentioned in the Generals Letter as being Confined in his main Gaurd your Committee advise that a proper Gaurd from one of the Companies of County Gaurd in Dutchess or the County gaurd in West Chester be directed to repair to the Camp at Kings bridge furnish with an order from the Convention Directed to General Clinton Requesting him to Deliver over the prisoners Refer[d] to to s[d] guard and that they Safely Bring them before this Convention.

In answer to that part of the General's Letter which holds forth the Necessity of the Military being held in Readiness to assist our Troops at or near the Bridge your Committee are of opinion that a Letter be forwarded to General Clinton seting forth the State of the Militia in all respects as fully as may be asertain[d] That a number of Blank Commissions be sent to General Clinton to be fill[d] up by him to those officers who are in the Service without Commissions.

As to the Generals Application on the Subject of the Arangement of Field Officers your Committee are of opinion that the Officer who bears the Eldest Commission shall Rank above all officers of the same Rank whose Commissions are of Later Date. That in Case there shall be Several Commissions of the Same Rank of Equal Date that in such Case Regard ought to be had to the Senority of the County from whence said officers have been taken.

In the Case of Lieut Coll Furness Refer[d] to in General Clintons and Col[l] Swartwouts Letters your Committee are of oppinion that tis most Convenient that General Clinton be Directed to Regulate that matter in such manner as may appear to him most subservient to the public good.

with Regard to y[e] Stock mentioned in the General's Letter as being liable to fall into the Enemies hand, your Committee beg leave to Recommend that Col[l] Joseph Drake call on any part of the Militia in s[d] County for such assistance as may be needfull to the End the Stock near the Sound may be drove back in the Country to such Distance as may Render them Safe.

Furthermore as your Committee are Enjoind to Report a Resolution to prevent Disserters being harboured secreted or Countenanced in this State, we Report the following Resolution,

Resolved that any person or persons within this State who shall harbour secret or Countenance any Disserter or disserters from any Camp, Army or Military Department of the United States of America that on Due proof thereof made to this Convention the Committee of Safety or to the General Committee of any County in this State the person so harbouring Secreting or Countenaneing such Disserter Shall be Esteem[d] as an Enemy to this State and that the General Committee of the County or District where such offender shall Reside shall have full power & are hereby directed to Raise from the goods and Chattels of such offender such sum of money as may be Sufficient to Induce some able Bodied man to serve in the place of such Disserter and that such sum be apply[d] to that use provided s[d] Sum Do not exceed the sum of Thirty pounds and that such Disserter shall not thereby by any means be Exempt from his Service in the Army or Seren[d] from such punishment as may be Inflicted by Court Martial and that this Resolution Remain in force till future act of this Convention or of the Legislature of this State may Render the same unnecessary.

Warrant for the arrest of one Rielly, a deserter, and Return thereon.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 297.]

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY
FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Sep[t] 12[th] 1776.

Ordered, that Major Schenck be authorized & requested to cause to be Apprehended and brought before this Committee, a certain Rielly—suspected of being a Deserter from the Army of the United American States and that Major Schenck use his Discretion as to the mode of Apprehending him with power to demand the assistance of any Officers of the Militia or other person or Persons in the Execution thereof.

Extracts from the Minutes,

ROB[T] BENSON, *Secr[y]*.

Agreeable to the Inclosed Order, I, this morning, went to the place, where the suspected person within Named was supposed to be at work. I was Informed that the person so suspected has been at the house of Mr Isaac Schultz and he told Mr Shultz, that he intended make the best of his way for Pensylvania, and accordingly went off— HENRY SCHENK.

13th Sepr 1776.

Examination of Adjutant Gabrial and Richard King.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 311.]

Examination of Nicholas Emanual Gabrial, Adjutant in Col. Swartworth's Regiment, and Mr Richard King of the same Regiment. Taken by Henry Godwin, Captain of the main Guard at Kings Bridge September 7th 1776, against one Gilbert Tibbit, Confined under Guard in the Main Guard House by Order of Major General Heath.

Richard King saith that on September 5th 1776, Gilbert Tibbit said in publick Company amongst Soldiers and others that if we were United that the Regulars would overcome us and that at several Times he hath found fault with the measures, and spake words tending to a Discouragement of the measures now persued by the United States of America, and that he (Tibbit) was no way the worst for Liquor when he spake those words, but looked upon him to be a sober man.

Adjutant Gabrial saith that on the fifth of September anno q Domini 1776, that he heard Gilbert Tippit discoursing among several Soldiers and other Persons and indevioured to Discourage him, and that he (Gabrial) heard him (Tippit) say: that if all the men in the United Colonies were united, that the Regulars would overcome us yet, and that he (Gabrial) heard him also speak Disrespectfull of the Commanding Officers in the Service of the United American States.

Minute of the Dutchess County Committee.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 295.]

In Committee, Dutchess County, Sept 17th 1776.

It having been Suggested to this Committee by the Deputies from this County in Convention, that the Quorum at present necessary to represent the County being five, was too numerous and that by means thereof was frequently Deprived of a voice in the Convention.

Resolved therefore, that the number of the Quorum be reduced from Five to Three and accordingly that of the Nine Deputies Elected to Represent this County in the Convention of the Representatives of this State, any Three of them be a Quorum for that purpose. By Order,

EGBT BENSON, *Chairman.*

Proposed Ordinance for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 283.]

Your Committee to whom it was referred to direct some mode for the Relief of Debtors confined for Debt in the Goals of the respective Counties in this State—Do report the following:

Whereas, By the long Suspension of the Legislature of this State, the Debtors confined in the Respective Goals, are reduced to the greatest misery and Distress, and their lives much endangered by long Confinement.

And Whereas, The detaining in custody Debtors under Execution who are willing to deliver up their Estate for the use of their Creditors, but can be of no real Benefit or Advantage to the Creditors, and at the same time that by reasons of great severity many useful members are lost to the Community who might be advantageously imployed at this arduous conjuncture in the service and Defence of their Country.

Be it therefore Ordained, That all and every Person and Persons imprisoned or detained in any Goal within this State, By reasons of any Process with or Commitment of Debt be forthwith released and discharged, Provided that always, that all and every Person or Persons who shall take and claim the Benefit hereby intended, shall before his, her or their Discharge exhibit a petition in their Respective Counties where such Person or Persons are confined to the Person herein after named, Setting fourth the reasons of such confinement, and if he, she or they so petitioning shall be charged in Execution such Prisoner or Prisoners, shall with his, her or their petition, annex the name or names of his her or their Creditors, and the Debts due as near as can be and Certify on account or Inventory of his, her or their whole Real and Personal Estate, their Bedding and Clothing excepted, with the Tenure by which it is held, and the Evidences, Deeds, Books of Account, Notes or Bonds relating thereunto, and upon such Petitions and Certificates delivered to the Persons hereafter hereinafter named, in the Respective Counties, or any two of them, and they are hereby required to order such Prisoners to be brought before them and administer to such Persons the following Oath or affirmation in such cases heretofore required, viz:

You ——— of ———, do hereby solemnly sware upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the Account by you here produce, and to your Petition annexed, to the best of your Knowledge Contains a true and perfect state of all the Debts due to your respective Creditors, and likewise that the Inventory by you Exhibited contains a just and faithfull account of all your Real and Personal Estate, your Bedding and Clothing with the Tenure by which it is held, and the Evidences, Deeds, Books of Accounts, Notes or Bonds relating thereto, and that you have not knowingly, or intentionally kept back any Part of the same, nor conveyed to any Person or Persons whatsoevor any Part thereof for your future Benefit with Design to defraud your Creditors, so help you God.

And upon having taken such Oath or affirmation such Prisoner or Prisoners shall make an assignment of his, her or their Estate, to two such Persons as assignees, being Freeholders as the Persons impowered to administer such Oath or affirmation shall appoint, to be by them equally devided among all the Creditors of the said insolvent Debtors in proportion to their several and respective Debts, Dues and Demands, whereupon, he, she, or they, making such Assignments as aforesaid shall be discharged out of Custody, from and after which discharge, he, she or they, shall not any time hereafter be imprisoned for the same Debt or Debts for which he, she or they, have made such assignments.

And further, That any two of the Judges of the inferor Court of Common Pleas in the Respective Counties of this State, together with the Chairman of the County Committee for the time being be and they are hereby nominated, impowered and required to hear and Discharge the Prisoners in the Goals of the said Counties, and to administer to them the Oath above mentioned, and that all Goalers and Sheriffs heretofore appointed, and all persons within this State give due Obedience to the said Persons within their several Counties who have been hereby authorized and appointed to hear and Discharge the Prisoners aforesaid, and lastly that the Assignees to be appointed as aforesaid, notify the several Creditors of the Debtors so discharged in one or more of the publick News Papers of this State for three months successively of their appointment as aforesaid with Intent that they may be acquainted where to apply for their several Dividends.

Sep^{t} 18th 1776. JOSHUA H. SMITH.

Report on Treasurer's Account.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 261.]

On the 11th March 1776 the Convention of this State appointed a Committee, to wit M^{r} Van Zant, Capt. Denning, W^{m} Beekman, Col. Brasier & Mr. Sands, to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and to point out what part of the charges therein were to be considered as Continental and what Provincial: a fair Copy of the Continental Account, as stated by them, was prepared by the Auditor's Clerk.

In May last Auditors to wit Messrs. Van Zandt, Bancker, Beekman, Sands & Denning continued this Acco^{t} down to the 30th Day of April last, it was afterwards examined by some of the New York members of the Continental Congress and then taken to the Convention of this State where it underwent several alterations; in which State it is now fair Copied: Many Accounts being not then come in, the Auditors deferred sending it to Philadelphia till some of the principal ones could be procured, and many letters were wrote for that purpose.

Nothing more was done with the Continental Account till the Auditor General was appointed the latter End of July last when he came to the plains to endeavor to continue it down to that Time, but the number of outstanding Accounts were so increased by the great Sums of Money that had been paid out there by Order of the Convention on Account for Services to be performed, as to induce him to defer the Completion of it till they could be got in, several of which accounts he procured abroad and left Orders for writing to many persons who had neglected sending in theirs, which Letters have accordingly been wrote, and Copies of some of them sent, And tho' the Number of Outstanding Accounts is greatly deminished, there are still many to be brought in as p^{r} the annexed List Amounting to about £40,000.

FISHKILL, 18th Sep^{r} 1776. G. BANCKER.

Dr. *State of New York in acct current with P. V. B. Livingston, Treas^{r}* *Cr.*

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 249, 253, 257.]

To Cash paid Sundry persons between the 31st Day of May 1775 and 30th Day of April 1776 as per particular Account,	£159,865	15	0¼	By Sundry Sums of Money received for account of this State between the 31st Day of May 1775 and the 30th Day of April 1776 as per Account,	£161,823	3	9
To ditto paid ditto between the 1st Day of May 1776 and the 17th Day of September following as per Account of particulars drawn out and ready to be produced,	86,469	7	1¾	By ditto received between the 1st Day of May 1776 and the 17th Day of September following as per particular Account,	84,541	9	4
To ballance due to the State,	29	10	11				
	£246,364	13	1		£246,364	13	1

Errors Excepted,

for P. V. B. LIVINGSTON,

FISH KILL, September 17th 1776. GERARD BANCKER.

Deb^{r}. *The Continental Congress in account curr^{t} with the State of New York,* *Cr*

1776 April 30 To Amount of an Account as prepared by the Auditors up to this date	£102,666	15	11¾	1775 August 23 By Cash received by Mr Joseph Hallet,	£70,000		
To amount of Expences accrued in this State since that Time being £86,469, about 3-5ths of which (according to the Estimate of the Treasury) will be Continental,	51,881	8		1776 January 12 By Cash recd by Messr Palmer & Co	20,000		
				March 8 By Cash recd by Mr Francis Lewis,	18,800		
				July 12 By Cash recd on Warrent from his Excellency Genl Washington,	20,000		
				By Ballance due the State,	25,748	3	11¾
	£154,548	3	11¾		£154,548	3	11¾

FISH KILL, 18th Sep^{r} 1776. G. BANCKER.

An Acco^{t} of Monies p^{d} by the Treasurer for which no Acco^{t} has been rendered by the persons to whom they were paid.

1775, Nov^{r} 2,	To David Clarkson to repay Mr. Lott,	£200
4,	To Egbert Dumond to purchas Flour,	428
	To Col. Ten Broeck he rec^{d} of Tres^{r} Lott,	700
1776, Jany. 12,	To M^{c}Dougal & Cortenius, they p^{d} M^{r} Atherton on Contract for Muskets,	350
Feby. 5,	To John V. D. Bilt to purchase a Cargo,	1800
6,	To John Foster to purchase toe Cloth,	50
24,	To Nicoll & Palmer to transport Cannons from N. York to Albany &^{c}	600

1776, May 11,	To Thomas Palmer for the Fortifications in the Highlands,..	£1152
June 13,	To Henry Glen Bounty, ...	1152
July 15,	To Nathaniel Sacket to Transport lead to Dutchess Co., ...	40
16,	To Henry Wisner do to Orange & Ulster,.....	50
17,	To Col. Van Cortlandt to procure Provision in Highl^{ds}....	200
	To Chris^{n} Tappen on a Secret Committee, ...	5000
22,	To Col. Hoffman Bounty, &^{c}, ...	4000
	To Col. Allison, do.	1600
24,	To William Harper, do.	960
	To John Sessions, do.	1200
	To Alexander Webster, do.	575
	To Arthur Parks, do.	960
	To Samuel Townsend, do. for Queen's Co.,.....	800
	Do. do. for King's Co.,.....	240
	To David Gelston, do.	800
	To Col. De Witt, do.	2000
	To Genl. Morris, do.	800 1200
27,	To Mess^{rs} V. Cortlandt & Platt,.....	600
	To Cap^{t} James Stewart, £144 & £100, ...	244
	To Col. Joseph Marsh to Transport Lead, &c., to Cumb^{d} &c.,	70
Aug. 8,	To Peter Curtenius, Commissary on Acco^{t}.....	5000
17,	To Mess^{rs} V. Cortlandt & Platt, Expence of Militia,.....	1000
	To James Beekman to remove the poor, ...	300
21,	To Capt. Wisner Bounty, &c., ...	232
	To Zebediah Mills, to remove Military Stores out of N. York,	24
25,	To Robert Harpur for the Queen's County Comm^{rs}.....	200
29,	To Samuel Townshend to forw^{d} Col. Smith's Reg^{t}.....	100
31,	To Theod^{s} Bartow, Commissary at N. Rochell, ...	400
	To Genl. Clinton, ...	7000
Sept^{r} 3,	To John Crygies to remove Military Stores from W. Plains,	24
7,	To Peter Monfoort to Support the N. Y. Poor at Fish Kill,	100
8,	To Charles De Witt to remove Prisoners from Kingston,...	60
	To John Schenk, Commissary at Fort Constitution, ...	400
	To Ab^{m} Livingston,	

Petition of Robert and James Totten.

[Petitions, 33: 98.]

We haveing part in a brig Laying in Saw Pitt Creek, agreed with other owners to have her loaded in Philadelphia. In consequence of which we ordered a freight of Flower purchased in that place, on applying to the Committee for a permitt to go round in Balast, they did not incline to agree thereunto. Their Reasons against it were the danger of the Captain's availing himself of such an opportunity of going over to the Enemy. The design of her voyage was to take a Cargo of Flower for Curacao and return with a Freight of Salt, we should thank the Convention if they would as soon as convenient give us their determination on the matter.

ROBERT & JAMES TOTTEN.

To the President of the Convention of New York, y^{e} 19th Sept^{r} 1776.

Memorial of Cornelius Atherton.

[Petitions, 33: 86.]

Sept^{r} 25th 1776.

To the Hon^{r} Convention of the State of New York.

Is humbly presented the memorial of Cornelius Atherton shewing the imposibility of his carrying on the Manufacture of fire arms under the present situation of this State, there being no exemtion for him or his workman from the Military Duty

which is a fatal bar to his progress in making fire arms. Your memorialist has taken unwaried pains to imploy workmen but to no purpose for before he can get them qualified for the business they are cauld into the Army, and he has new ones to seek and all to no purpos as the same seen is acted over and over, viz the cauling of himself and workmen to General Musters, Tory hunts Drafting &c all these manoviers put together has rendered it impossible for me to accomplish my Contract with the Congress, and unless the Hon^e^ Convention can see it expedient to pass an act wheirby their Memorialist can be secured in keeping his workmen it will be for ever impossible for him to doe much att making Fire arms and must of necessaty oblige him to quit the business. Your Memorialist therefore earnestly prays that your Hon's would tak the matter in to their serious consideration, and afforde their Memorialist such assistance as to your Hon^rs^ shall seem best, and your Memorialist in duty bound will ever pray, CORN^s^ ATHERTON, *Memorialist.*

To the care of ZEPHANIAH PLATT, Esq^r^ attending the Convention for the State of New York.

Petition of Messrs. McCamly and Finch.

[Petitions, 33: 88.]

To y^e^ Honourable Convention of y^e^ State of New York now Conveyned at Fishkill &c

This Memorial Humbly Showeth,

That on Tuesday the 24^th^ of this In^st^ a number of persons assembled together at Florida in Orange County in order to procure Salt by some means (as there was none Exposed to sale) they were at a loss what method to take & Had agreed to Go & if such places as they found Quantities of Depositid in was not at their Request Exposed to sale at a Reasonable price allowing a sufficient profit to y^e^ owner they were determined to Break open such places & to proceed to sell the same to such persons as was in want of that article according to their present Nessessity: Observing still that the Owners were made Good the prime cost & Reasonable profits & to Leive them what might be thought their proportion of the same, according to their circumstances. But as this method was not thought prudent they were prevailed upon to Desist the puting the same Into Execution untill the advice of this Honorable Convention could be had in this Difficulty & further your Memorialist saith Not. JOHN M^c^CAMLY

Sep^t^ 26^th^ 1776. NATHAN^LL^ FINCH.

Petition of Joshua Ferris.

[Petitions 33: 82.]

To the Honorable the President and Members of the State of New York in Congress met.

The Petition of Joshua Ferris a prisoner confined in the Goal of the White Plains, in West Chester County, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner was Enlisted in his Majestys Service the fifteenth of April last, and receiv'd his Bounty money in the said service, not having the Least suspicion of an alteration of the Form of Government, and as your Pettitioner on Coming on shore was apprehended and Imediately Loaded with Irons, in which state he hath continued almost ever since, and as he humbly concieves himself to be under the Limitation of a Prisoner of War, he begs of this Honb^le^ House, that His Irons may be taken off as he cannott posibly Shift Himself or get clear of the Vermin, with which he is Greatly Infected, to the great disturbance of his unfortunate fellow prisoners, and he further relies on your Honors well known Humanity to treat him as an unfortunate prisoner of War, and allow Him the same Liberty as other pris-

oners belonging to his Majesty as your Pettitioner declares that he will not Interfere in any Matters, concerning the present unhappy Troubles, but behave himself as becomes a faithfull prisoner of War.

Your Petitioner therefore Humbly submits his Case to your Honors and begs for such relief as to your Honors shall seem meet, and your pettitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Sept[r] 1776. JOSHUA FERRIS.

Cortland Manor Tories.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 594.]

List of Sundry Persons, Inhabitants of Cortlandts Manor, supposed to have gone to the British Army:

Elie Caroz,
James Forman,
Sibert White,
William Miller,
James Lente,
Francis Pemort,
Fraderick Hunt,
Abraham Stothoff,
Joseph Conklin,
Jeremiah Maiby,
Daniel Devoe,
Coonrad Burghdorf, Jun[r]
Conelius Gee,
William Nelson,
Gabriel Strang.
Barnaga Barton,
David Jones,
Hezikiah Traviss,
Bartholomew Traviss,
Nehimiah Traviss,
James Traviss,
Samuel Traviss,
Jeramiah Fowler,
Abraham Lente,
John Ward,
Benjamin Ward,
John Miller,
Josiah Stevens,
Daniel Stevens,
Richard Curry,
Stephen Curry,
Joshua Curry,
William Gray,
Gabriel Hughson,
Moses Reed,
John Johnson Tanner,
Isaac Lente,
David Ogdon,
John Ogdon,
Jonathan Ogdon,
James Covert,
Peter Gunyon,
—— Bebee,
John Ogeden,
John Oleman,
Michel Will Cocks,
Nathaniel Stanton,
Isaek Cronkright, Jun[r]
James Stephens,
John Turner.

Petition of Prisoners.

[Petitions, 33: 64.]

To the Honorable the provincial Congress for the Colony of New York.

Your Petitioners, Barnaby M[c]Maron belonging to Gen. Greene's Brigade, stationed at Long Island punished for sleeping on his post and order one month's confinement and been confined near three months. Richard Keef, Belonging to Lord Sterlings Brigade confined for buying a Gun, tryed and punished, ordered one month's imprisonment, confined three months.

William Gillas, Confined for buying of a Soldier who was indebted to him, a shirt and a pair of Breeches which it proved he had stole. To excuse himself he informed that I was going on board the Asia, though in years and a cripple. Keeps a small store in York.

Thomas Dennis, Confined by Major Crane under suspicion of desertion into Boston to the Enemy. I was taken by them and pardoned for deserting from them which I have done a second time leaving all my cloaths behind, and as a reward for returning I have been long confined quite naked.

Jeremiah Gilly, Confined for getting drunk and making a disturbance in the streets of New York.

Edward Wilson, Confined for quarreling with his Corporal being a front rank man and he would place me in the rear at the Battle on Long Island, a riffle man.

John Dougherty, Confined for being in a certain house in York in liquor, a bowl being broke, the guard being come in accused us of being Tories my Companion fled and I sent to Gaol, an inhabitant of York.

James Nowles, Confined on suspicion of going to Long Island, being fishing in the East River for the Hospital.

Thomas Berry, Belonging to Gen[l] Sullivan's Brigade, Confined for striking a Lieutenant on the Holy ground, who had drawn his sword on two of them, confined since April 17[th] 1776.

John Creig, Confined for the above crime and is the man who has disciplined most of the Jersey Troops, was to have been discharged the day after we left York.

John Andrews, A Prisoner of War taken at S[t] Johns hath since disciplined two Batallions of provincial troops at Mombaneus where he left his regiment and came in Captain John De Witt's Company to hornshook, confined for being in company with a man suspected to be a tory, the man got cleared. I being neglected in the hurry of business should have been discharged in a few days if we had not left New York.

John Gee, Belonging to the first Batallion of York Militia, Confined for affronting a Serjeant who was in liquor I reminding him of his duty. For fear of getting mischief he charged me with being inimical to the Country. I was tryed and honorably acquitted by a Court Martial upon a good character given from my Captain which he repeatedly sent me but could not come and take me being upon Long Island therefore I remain though guiltless through the hurry and confussion of the times. Most humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioners think the are very cruelly treated to be confined without crimes or even the shaddow of a crime in reality, and hurried like the worst of Criminals from one Goal to another when soldiers are so much wanted and it is the desire of every man to join their respective Regiments instead of perishing for want of Clothes and their health by their close confinement daily declining, we are used to enjoy liberty in York and Newark Goals but here close locked up in dungeons. Our victuals and the treatment we meet with from the Goalor is kind and good. We beg for justice sake you will take our unhappy as well as unmeritted sufferings into your kind and Most serious consideration, (being every resource left us while the Army is in such confusion) or we must languish without any hopes though most of us might be very useful if we had liberty and justice. Hope you will take these unhappy circumstances into your most serious consideration and your petitioners in duty as well as gratitude be ever bound to pray, &[cc]

Morristown Goal, October 1[st] 1776.

Samuel Mabbett to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 150.]

Gentlemen of the Convention of the State of New York,

Whereas, I have made a Practice for many years Past of taking in large quantities of Beef and Pork, and whereas it appears that them commodities may be much wanting in the Present Service, and I heave provided a quantity of Salt for that purpose and I heave already contracted with a great number of Different Persons for large quantitys of Provisions, and have been informed that the Committee have ordered that all the Salt I have shall be sold on Monday next, therefore I beg leave to submit the matter to this Hon[ble] Convention whether I may be permitted to keap 250 Bushels of Salt for the above use, your complyance much oblige your friend to sarve, &c. SAM[L] MABBETT.

October 3[d] 1776.

Petition of Lieutenant Edget.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 619.]

To the Honourable Congress of the State of New York and Territories therein Depending for the time being:

Gentlemen: As I was nominated as a Lieut. in Johannes Van Steenberrighs Company and in Colonel Graham's Regiment, and as I was while in the Service but unhealthy, very unfit for Duty, and particularly at my departure from the Army,

and so I Continue incapable of being in any ways Servicable to my Co'ntry. Therefore I Humbly request your Honourable Body to please to grant my Dismission from the Service, and in So doing you shall very much Oblige, Gentlemen, him who is your's with respect, Your Devoted Friend and very Humble Servant,

STEPHEN EDGET.

[NOTE.—Lieut. Edget was commissioned 3d Oct. 1776.]

Notice of a Meeting in the N. H. Grants.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 148.]

A Notyfication.

To notify the freeholders of the Inhabitants of this town to meet at the Dwelling house of Mr. Jonas Whitny on the 15th of Oct. Curent at 12 o'clock in the Afternoon, To Chuse a moderator to order said meeting, To consider the contents of a letter from the Chairman of the comitte of this County, Directed to the sub-comitte of this town Requesting to Know the mind of this town on acct of Revolting from New York. To hear the report of Capt. Whitmore from the Convention at Dorsett.

This above Being requested by the committe of this town to me, I Do hereby appoint the time and place aforesaid.

Dated at NEW MALBROUGH, Oct. 4, 1776.

WILLIAM MATHER, *Town Clerk.*

(Indorsed.) This notification was taken from the side of a public house at New Marlborough by me JOHN TAYLOR.

General McDougall to the Convention.

[Mil. Com. 25: 194.]

CAMP HARLEM, 7th Oct., 1776.

SIR: I was this moment honoured with your favour on the subject of the Rank Roll, and officers for the Regiments to be retained in the Continental Service of those raised in this State. I have made some preparation for it, and shall devote this evening to the subject. You mention enclosed Resolves; but they did not accompany your letter.

Nothing material has happened here since the skermish of the 16th Ultimo. The Enemy appear very shy. Our advanced sentries and theirs are within three hundred yards of each other in Harlem lane. The works they have thrown up are evidently calculated for defence. I should have cheerfully complied with the Request of the Convention thro' Mr McKessen, to give them intelligence, but my time was then wholly engrossed in assisting to arange and setle the Army; and since, I am under orders with my Brigade to support the advanced picket, in case of alarm, which I hope will be a sufficient appology.

Your Very Humble Servant,

ALEXR M'DOUGALL.

Report of the Committee on a Letter of Messrs. Field and Paddock.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 301.]

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of raising a company of men for the immediate service of this State, more particularly in answer to a letter received from Messrs John Field and Jonathan Paddock, and having duly considered the same, are of opinion, That the raising a company of forty men, under the same regulations with the Companies heretofore raised in the counties of Dutchess and West Chester, now under the command of Melancton Smith, Capt Commandant of the same, is essentially necessary to the

preservation of the internal peace of the country, and the detecting and defeating the intentions and conspiracies of our foreign and domestic enemies. That the said company be officered with one Captain, one Lieut, three Serjeants, three Corporals and one fifer, and we beg leave to recommend Mr. Nathaniel Scribner as Captain, and Mr. Joseph Field as Lieut. for the said company, and that the non-commissioned officers be appointed by them.

Your Committee further beg leave to report, that, from intelligence they have received concerning the behaviour of disaffected persons in the county of Albany, they conceive it necessary for this Convention, to raise one Company of Forty men in the s^{d} county, that the said company be officered by one Capt., one Lieut., three Serjeants, three Corporals and one fifer, and that the said Company shall rendezvous at and about the manor of Livingston. That Petrus Van Gaasbeek be appointed Capt. and Sam^{l} Thorne Lieut. of the s^{d} Company, under the direction of the General Committee of the City & County of Albany. That the s^{d} Company shall be allowed continental pay and ten shillings a week in lieu of Rations, and shall continue in service for the space of three months, unless sooner discharged by this Convention, or a future Legislature of this State.

That £20 be advanced to Capt. Coe on his receipt & that he be accountable to this State for the money when called upon.

Petition of Scotch Prisoners.

[Petitions, 33: 58.]

Fishkills, 8th October, 1776.

Sir: In Behalf and at the Request of a number of *Scotch Prisoners*, Quartered at Goshen, Orange County, Beg leave to inform the Convention that they have Resided there since the second day of July last, that they consider themselves as Prisoners of War, Intitled to the value of the Continental Rations in money or as much as will pay for their weekly board and to be at liberty to work at their different trades or occupations, behaving themselves peaceably during the time of their confinement. That as to Rations they never received any Except for two men two days and one woman about one half of the time, that their wages has been very low, and that refused to be paid them in several instances. That the boys is obliged to work for their living only and one of them has been whiped and abused without sufficient Provocation, Therefore pray the Convention would take their case into consideration, and give such Direction in the Premises as they in their wisdom shall think meet. An answer to the Subscriber who is waiting, will be Gratefully acknowledged by the Convention's Most Obed^{t} Humble Servant,

DANIEL WALKER.

To The Hon^{ble} The Convention of the State of New York.

Report on the case of the Scotch Prisoners.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 183.]

Your Committee to whom were referred the behaivor of the Scotch prisoners at Goshen in the County of Orange represented to this Convention, by Col. Toston Chairman of the Committee then delivered in their reports which was read & agreed to & is as follows.

That as the said prisoners are not content with their enlargement from close confinement and privilege to labour, as the said Committee have heretofore permitted them but have behaived indecently and unbecomingly That the said Committee be and they are hereby directed to maintain and provide for the said Prisoners in any such way and manner as to them shall seem most consistent with the security of the said prisoners, The safety of the State, and with the resolve of the Continental Congress in that case made and provided.

Also as to the boys among the said Prisoners—that they shall be put out to such service, and in such families as the Committee shall think proper, And that the said boys, upon their behaving impertinently or unfaithfully in their said service, shall be subject to such punishment from their respective employers or Masters as in such cases by custom immemorial hast been hitherto practis'd in this country, provided nevertheless that the s[d] Committee be directed to attend to & see that the s[d] Boys be not treated in cruelty or unnecesary severitys.

Petition of James Wilson.

[Petitions, 33: 14.]

The humble petition of James Wilson late Sailor in the Privateer Betty's under the command of Captain Nethaniel Nowell, sent after ammunition to France unluckily was taken by the King's fisher at which Engagement I was wounded in severall places, which can be appeared by examining.

Therefore I am in a deplorable condition, owing to my being disabled to provide for my support and thereby humbly implores your honors immediate assistance to conduct me towards my intended journey, indoubtedly your honorable disposition will take my circumstances into serious consideration, and remain your honor's most obed[t] and most humble Serv[t] JAMES WILSON.

(Indorsed.) $3 allowed him, Oct. 9, 1776.

Report of the Committee relative to Barracks at Fishkill.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 259.]

Your Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the Expediency of Sending a party of the Melitia of Dutches County to fishkill to assist in Erecting Barracks,

Beg Leave to Report that one serjeant and Fourteen privates be Immediately sent from each Respective Regiment within the s[d] County of Dutches to this place for that purpose.

Resolved, therefore that the Collonel or Commanding officer of Each of the Seven Regiments within the County of Dutches Do Immediately Detach or Draft one Serjeant and fourteen privates out of their Respective Regiments and order them Immediately to this place for the purpose of Erecting Barracks, which detachment to Remain in Service one Month from the time of their arrival.

Resolved, that as a Reward for their Services They Be allowed Continental Rations and 3s pr Day on producing proper pay Roles to the Convention of this State.

Resolved that Each Man so Drafted as aforesaid Do furnish or provide himself either with a good Sufficient Spade, Shovel, Stubing Hoe felling Ax or Corn hoe and every other necessary for their own accommodation.

Resolved that any person drafted or detached as aforesaid may furnish an Able Bodied Man or Negro in his Stead.

Military Proceeding in Ulster County.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 675, 695.]

13[th] October 1776.

At a Meeting of the Field Officers of Ulster County at the House of Mrs. Ann Dubois at the New Paltz

PRESENT: Col Hasbrouck, Col Hoornbeck,
Col M[c]Claghry, Major Jansen,
Col Elmendorf, Major Wynkoop.

Have appointed Major Wynkoop to take command of the 200 Men immediately to be raised in said County pursuant to the Resolves of the Committee of Safety for the State of New York Dated October 10th & 11th Also unanimously agreed that 3 Capts, 3 First Lieuts and 3 Second Lieuts be appointed by the Field Officers in their respective Regiments in said County

Col Hasbrouck, 1 Capt, 1 First Lieut. Col Ehnendorf, 1 Capt., 1 Second Lieut.
Col M^{c}Claghry, 1 Do, 2 Second Do. Col Hoornbeek, 2 First Lieuts.

Signed by JONATHAN HASBROUCK, *Col.*

At a Meeting of the Field Officers of the County Ulster meet at the House of Mrs Ann Dubois, And unanimously agreed that Major Andreau Wyncope take the Command of Two Captains, Four Lieutenants & Two Hundred Privates which ware to be raised by a Resolve of Congress out of the County of Ulster for the space of Two Weeks.

This from Gentlemen Your Very Humbl Servt

Newburgh, Oct 21st 1776. JONATHAN HASBROUCK.

Paroles of Messrs. Conklin and Howell.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 677, 681.]

I promise on honour not in any wise to forward or assist the subjects or Allies of the King of Great Britian in their operations against the United States of America neither to correspond or have any connection with them during the present War, I also further promise that I will return to the state of Connecticut when required & submit to any determination the state of New York may make concerning me.

Given under my hand at Say Brook this 13th day of October 1776.

THOMAS CONKLING.

I promise on Honour not in any wise to forward or assist the subjects or Allies of the King of Great Brittian in their operations against any of the United States of America, Neither to correspond or have any Connection with them during the present War.

Given under my hand this 14th day of October, 1776.

GEORGE HOWELL.

Petition of William McNeall.

[Petitions, 33: 28.]

To the Honourable the Convention of the State of New York in Congress convened.

The Petition of William M^{c}Neall of the County of Dutches, Trader, Humbly Sheweth,

That about twelve months ago he was possessed of one hundred and thirty three Bushells of Salt which he put in the store of Cap^{t} Bogardus, situate near the River, That finding the inhabitants of this County were greatly in want of this necessary article, he condescended to sell the same to them at the rate of four shillings and sixpence a Bushell, excepting thirty Bushells which he reserved for the salting of divers quantities of Beef & Pork which he was to receive of several persons who were indebted to him in divers sums of money, and had no other way of paying him the same. That your petitioner in order to keep the Salt for the purpose aforesaid gave not long since ten shillings a Bushell for a quantity of salt to repack some Barrells of Pork which he sold for the use of the Continental Army. That notwithstanding which Coll Dirk Brinckerhoff of this county induced as your petitioner supposes by pecuniary views, and in hopes to take advantage of the present suspension of the Laws of this State did about three weeks ago in the absence of Cap^{t} Bogardus, the owner of the store, and without my knowledge or approbation take

out of the said store the said thirty Bushells of Salt, and appropriate the same to his own use and private emolument whereby your petitioner is greatly injured and prevented from receiving in payment for the money owing to him the said quantities of Beef and Pork, which he designed for the use of the Continental Army, and in all probability will by that means forever lose the same. That your Petitioner humbly conceives that acts of this kind greatly injure the happiness of society, and if permitted will beyond doubt reduce us almost to a state of nature, and drive us to the disagreeable alternative of repelling force by force, or of tamely submitting to the lawless invader. That your Petitioner is well assured that an act thus vicious in its nature will never in the opinion of this Honourable Convention appear sanctified by the wealth or elevation of the agressor, but that ample justice will be administered without respect to persons. Induced therefore by this consideration your Petitioner humbly prays that this honourable Convention would be pleased to order the said Dirk Brinckerhoff to appear before you at some speedy day, to be appointed for that purpose, to assign his reasons (if any he hath) for such his unprecedented conduct, and if not satisfactory to this honourable Convention, that your petitioner may have restitution of the salt aforesaid and damages for the injury done to him. And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray, WILL M^{c}NEALL.

Dutches County, Octo 17th 1776.

Parole of Phineas Fanning.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 687.]

I promise on my word of honour not to forward or assist the subjects or Allies of the King of Great Britian in their operations against any of the United States of America during the present War. I also further promise that I will return to my usual place of abode in Suffolk County & remain in said County until required by the Convention of the State of New York or General Washington, when I promise to appear before them in person.

Given under my hand at Guilford this 17th Day of Oct., 1776,

PHINEAS FANNING.

Petition of Henry Dawkins.

[Petitions, 33: 74.]

May it please Your Honors, Oct^{r} 19th 1776.

The subscriber humbly relying on the known goodness and Humanity of this Honorable House begs leave to Lay his complaint before them which is briefly as Follows,

That your pettitioner was about six months past taken upon Long Island for a Trespass of which this House is thoroughly aquainted as by the Instigation of Israel Youngs he was Led away to perform an action of which he has already sincerely repented, and as your pettitioner was torn away from his only son, who is Left amongst Strangers without any one to support or protect him during the Inclemency of the aproaching winter, as his unhappy Father hath since the first Day of His being Taken, had but one shirt and one pair of Stockings to Shift Himself and as he hath been aflicted during his Imprisonment at the White Plains with the worst of Enemies, Hunger, the Nauseous Stench of a Small room, where sometimes twenty Persons were Confined together which hath Introduced a Sickness on your distresd Subscriber, which with fatigue of Travelling, hath reduced your unhappy Petitioner To a State of Despondency. He therefore being already weary of such a Miserable Life as his misconduct hath thrown him into, Humbly begs for a Termination of His Sorrows by a Death to be inflicted in what manner this Honorable House may think fit. The kind complyance of this Honorable House will ever lay an obligation on your Honor's distrest Hum Servant, HENRY DAWKINS.

Parole of James Auchmuty.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 112.]

I, James Auchmuty, being made a Prisoner of War, by the Army of the Thirteen United Colonies in North-America, do promise and engage, on my Word and Honour, And on the faith of a Gentleman, to depart from hence to the Township of Danbery in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, being the place of my Destination and Residence, and there, or within six Miles thereof, to remain during the present War between Great-Britain and the said United Colonies, or until the Congress of the said United Colonies or the Assembly, Convention, or Committee or Counell of Safety of the said Colony shall order otherwise, and that I will not directly or indirectly give any Intelligence whatsoever to the Enemies of the United Colonies, or do or say any thing in opposition to, or in prejudice of the Measures and Proceedings of any Congress for the said Colonies during the present Troubles, or untill I am duly exchanged or discharged. Given under my Hand, this Twentieth Day of October, A.D. 1776, JAMES AUCHMUTY,

*Store Keeper in the Engineers Dep^t^*

Same of John Simpson Master of the ship Saville and William M^c^Dermott.

Messrs. Pliarne, Penet & Co., to N. Y. Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 7.]

NANTES, 21^st^ October 1776.

The Respectable Members of the Secret Committee of the Province of New York.

GENTL^n^: Although we have not the pleasure of your acquaintance we nevertheless shall take the liberty to assure of our Respects and make our offer of service to you in Europe, and for your assurance of what we have the honnour of ofering will referr you to the Honbl^e^ Continental Congress and Secret Committee of Philadelphia to whom our names are well known and with whom we passed a Contract in february last for the furnishing of Ammunitions and other necessary articles in your present situation and further you may inform yourselves of Govenor Cook at Providence and Mess^rs^ Nich^s^ and John Brown of the same place for which last we have dispatched two Vessells since the Establishment of our house in this place. We hope after your informations concerning us be it from the Congress or the Generals of the Army and in particular from D^r^ Franklin, that you will be satisfied in order to put confidence enough in us to consign all Vessells you send for this part to our house and we flatter ourselves to find the best sale possible for your merchandize and send in return what goods you will think proper to order if they are to be had in France We are able to furnish you at demand with Cannon and Gun powder Salt-petre Sulfre, Lead, Iron, & Brass Cannon of all Sizes Muskets such as we have sent the Congress, being of the last mode for the Infantry of france, prooved well finished and perfectioned with double bride locks—We have muskets of all proofs from 12 to 22 livers of per pice with Bayonets and Steel Ram-rods and bores suitable for ball of 14 or 16 to the lb.; all the Muskets are uniform of the same size and same modell; We have a'so handsome and good gun locks which are well finished and Conditioned.

We have the honnour of observing that there is only our house able to furnish you with the foregoing articles and that we shall take upon us the risk and dangers of putting them on board and to let your Vessells go out of our port freely; them are powers that we are trusted with and which we have in hands. not any other in France shall be able to give you the like advantages and furnish you with such ammunition which we receive directly from the manufactures of the King—We are able to furnish you also with all kind of Broad Cloths fit for Cloathing of Soldiers (We have sent a quantity to Messr^s^ Browns of providence) We have them of all Colours, good quality and well assorted, for the price of 5 6 and 7 livers pr Ell but the following Colours of the same quality will be somewhat higher, Such as Scarlet, Prussian-Blue, Yellow and Green and further we are able to furnish you with such cloths as will be desired,

likewise with all kinds of Blankets from 3, 4, 5, 6 a 7 livers pr piece, also Linens for Shirting the Troops from 30 to 50 souce pr Ell, we shall be able Gentlemen to furnish in general with every kind of merchandize of the first quality and at the most reasonable rates; and you may assure yourselves that we shall dispatch immediately every Vessell that you shall think proper to adress us whether the Cargo is sold or not.

We have established our house in this place thinking it the safest and most Convenient port in France for the American Trade, and we have entered in partnership with one of the Richest and first houses for business in Nantes, the name is J Gruel, Merchant upon isle feydeau, therefore in adressing your Vessells to that house by giving us immediate notice will be the same as if adressed directly to us making but one and the same house for all the trade we have with North America—In case you should send a Vessell to Bordeaux we take the liberty of reccommending to you the house of Mess^{rs} Recule de Bamarain and Raimbeaux being one of the most principal houses there and who we think will do your business better than any other can do —We have in our house and at the head of our Affaires that we transact with North America Mr Wilt a young man from Philadelphia who holds our correspondence in English therefore if you should have any affaires particular or secret to transact or negotiate you may be assured of the order and discression that reighns in our house.

We have the honnour to be in the Mean time with our most sincere Respects Gentl^{n} Your Most Obed & Most Hbl Servts PLIARUE, PENET & CO.

Application for Salt.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 699.]

Two Cargoes Salt the Property of the Continent one at New Rochelle the other at New London qt abt 3800 Bus. under the direction of Messrs Francis Lewis, John Alsop & Philip Livingston.

Fish Kill, Oct. 1776.

Sirs: We are informed that there is two Cargoes of Salt belonging to the Continent under your direction the one at new Rochelle the other at New London, as there is a pressing Necessity for securing the Provisions that lay contigious to the Enemy we request that you will sell us this Salt for the Public Service, the reason of this application is to prevent if possible a quantity of provisions falling into the hands of the Enemy; nor is the salt itself which lies at New Rochelle out of Danger.

Petitions of Andrew Bostwick.

[Petitions, 33: 78, 240.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The Memorial of Andrew Bostwick an Insolvent debtor now confined in Goal of the County of Orange Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memoralist having been confined near nineteen months notwithstanding all his Efforts to accomplish a settlement with his Creditors. Is by the prevailing Calamity of the times Cut off from all hopes of obtaining his Liberty—and thereby unfortunately deprived of every oppertunity of serving his Creditors his Family or his Country (which at this perticular period claims the utmost Exertion of every Individual member of Society) unless Enabled by The Timely Interposition of this Honourable Body. That your Memorialist from his Present Confinement has it not in his power to mend his circumstances, but they must of Necessity be daily Growing worse, is therefore anxiously desireous something may be done that may have a tendency to better them.

Your Memorialist therefore most humbly begs leave to recommend his Case to this Honb^le^ Convention, praying them to grant such speedy Relief as the nature & Necessity of the Case Requires. And your Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray &^c^ AND^W^ BOSTWICK.

Read Oct. 22, 1776. Ordered to be discharged on giving Security.

To the Honb^le^ the Representives of the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The Petition of Andrew Bostwick an Insolvent debter now Confined in the Goal of the County of Orange, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner through Sundry Losses and disapointments in trade is Rendered incapable of makeing full payments to his Creditors by which means he has been in actual confinement for near seventeen months.

That your Petitioner has no desire to be discharged from the payment of his just debts, without making all the sattisfaction to his Creditors that's in his power, And is apprehansive that a Resolve of the Honb^le^ Convention permitting the Sheriff to Release him from confinement on such conditions as they shall deem meat & Proper, Cannot in the Least Injure the Creditors but on the contrary will better enable him to settle his affairs with them more to their mutual advantage then he could do while continued in confinement. Your Petitioner therefore most humbly prays this Honb^le^ Convention that they would take his case into their consideration and grant such speedy Relief, as the Nature & Necessity of the case Requires. And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &^c^— AND^W^ BOSTWICK.

[October 23, 1776.] Prayer granted.

Petition of William Forbes.

[Petitions, 33 : 68.]

To the Hononrable the provincial Congress of the State of New York.

The memorial of William Forbes of Goshen in Orange County in said State humbly sheweth,

That a little before your honourable Convention moved from New York to White Plains y^r^ unhappy memorialist fell under the great misfortune of being misrepresented to y^r^ Honours as unfriendly to the American States, and altho' he avouched his Innocency; yet the Perplexity of the times, then interveening, unfortunately prevented, for that Time, a full Examination of his case, and he was then transmitted into the State of Connecticut & finally comitted to the custody of the Keeper of Litchfield County Goal in which Prison he still remains. And whereas his peculiar misfortunes renders his present close confinement very distressing as he is by his poverty utterly unable to provide himself with either bedding or even present necessary clothing, which heavy calamities must be greatly aggravated by a much longer confinement under his present circumstances as the severity of winter wears a very horrid Aspect in the Northwesterly part of a Cold Goal. These glooms have still a keener edge set to them by the very great additional melancholly consideration that his confinement not only deprives him of the comfort of the very agreeable company of a beloved wife, and four helpless Babes; but totally deprives him of the possibility of affording any relief to their distresses. Whereupon y^r^ Honour's very unfortunate memorialist taking Encouragement from y^r^ Honours impartiality and Humanity humbly recommends his greatly distressed case to as speedy a consideration as the variety of y^r^ important affairs will Admit of. He really hopes he shall be so happy as to evince his Innocency whenever he can be so happy as to appear before y^r^ Honours. Y^r^ Honours memorialist craves y^r^ Honours Patience while he adds to his profession of Innocency his honest Declaration of an hearty desire for the Prosperity of the American States, in Favour of which he is ready to risque his life either by Sea or Land under the Tie of a sacred oath of Fidelity to them in their glorious and righteous contest for Independency

and Exemption from the Tyranny of Brittain and her despotick monarch. The memorialist humbly hopes his Dismition or Tryal may be speedy; but if the present Imbarrassment of the Times necessitates a Delay thereof he implores the Honourable Congress to mitigate in some measure the pungent distresses of his present confinement either by Directinge he may be returned from his present Exile and permitted to reside with his family as a prisoner of Hope under the Inspection and direction of some Committee of Inspection or such other person as your Honours should please to appoint, or if that should be tho't inexpedient, That y^r^ unfortunate supplicant may be delivered from the Horrors of a cold winter Goal by being permitted to labour at his trade under such restrictions as y^r^ Hon^rs^ may think fit mercifully to indulge him in Connecticut. And y^r^ unfortunate memorialist as in Duty bound shall ever pray, &c. WM FORBES.

Litchfield County Goal, Oct^r^ 26^th^ A.D. 1776.

Petition of William McNeal.

[Petitions, 33: 80.]

To the Honorable Conventsion at the fishkills

The Humble Petitision of William M^c^Neal.

That a Twelvemonth last May past my father In Law James Wiltsie Did take up of M^r^ John Cain the sum of Two hundred pounds, for which we gave him our Note of hand payable for the same to the said John Cain, and that last february the said John Cain Demanded Landed Security for the said money and that my father In Law James Wiltsie Did give him a mortage for the same to one Cap^t^ Montresure of the British Army, and that my father In Law now Deceased, the place has fell to me and have since applyed to the said John Cain to pay of the Mortgage and Interest, and Dennies Receiving any Interest or the money, and therefore your petisioner prays your advice and assistance in the affair In order that he may have the mortgage taken up. WM M^c^NEAL.

Fishkills, October 30^th^ 1776.

Petition of John Simpson and Others.

[Petitions, 33: 70.]

The Congress of the State of New York.

Gentlemen: It is Now six weeks and two Days since we were admitted to our Parole by your body at the White Plains, our Destination Bedford, we were at the same time informed that the Committee of that Place were to furnish us with two Dollars P^r^ week on accoumpt of the Continentall Congress (for our subsistence) to be Repaid by us when Exchanged, for which we have Repeatedly apply^d^ but through inatention, or want of understanding in the matter it has hitherto been Neglected; which Lays us under the Nesesity of this aplication, Disiring you would be kind Enough to order the arears to be Paid us, as Likeways to apoint the means of our futor suport, we have Boarded upon our own Credit for the six weeks at Bedford—brought from there on friday last without a morsel of vietuals being alloud us from seven oClock of the morning of that day till Saturday, that we Got our Diners upon a fresh Credit at the Plains, where we now sojourn as we have no money to Get our Linnen washed or shoos mended &^c^ ^c^ the favour of your attention to this will much oblige your Humble Servt^s^

JN^O^ SIMPSON,
WILL ELDER,
JOSEPH WOLLCOMB,
W^m^ M^c^DERMOTT.

Oct^r^ 1776.

Petition of Isaac Davis, James Winne and others.

[Petitions, 33: 238.]

To the Honorable Convention of the State of New York.

The petition of us Isaac Davis, James Winne, Samuel Newkerk, with several others, Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners Residenters at Little Shandekan, Woodstock, &c and now Ingaged in the Continatiel Sarvice In a Company of Raingers Commanded by Capt. Elias Hasbrook. But that your Petitioners finding themselfs greatly Deceived by the many Delucive arguments and Persuasions as an Inducement for our Ingageing with him, The facts of which are already presented your Honourable Body with therefore think it unnessasary to Insert them in this only pray the Matter to be Taken into consideration and a hearing may be had when we shall cheerfully justify whatever is Eledged and make no Doubt but shall be freed from the Insnared obligations we are subjected to.

ISAAC DAVIS,
JAMES his mark. x WINNE,
SAMUEL his mark. x NEWKERK,
CORNELIUS his mark. x WELLS.

Muster Roll of Cap^{t} Joshua Rogers' Company Colo^{l} Drake's Regiment.

[N. Y. Coll. Mss. CII: 6.]

Joshua Rogers, Cap^{t}	
William Clark, Lieut.,	absent without Leave.
Ebenez^{r} Phillips, Do.	Sick absent.
David Carll, Srt.,	
Samuel Alen, Do.,	
John Marvin, Do.,	Sick at Norwark.
John Viel, Cor^{l}	sick in hospital.
Jeremiah Smith, Do.,	
Joseph Mott, Do.,	
Garet Degroat, Dm.,	on Guard at Kings Bridg.
John Oaks, fif.,	Sick absent.
Robert Niccols,	Sick pres^{t}.
Ebenez^{r} Smith,	Lame in hospital.
Isaac Davison,	Sick up the North River.
Thomas Mott,	....
Nathaniel Scudder,	Sick Do up the North River.
Jonathon Conkling,	
John Gould,	
Jesse Wickes,	
Lemuel Smith,	
John Conkling,	one of the Rangers.
Joseph Magere,	Sick in hospital.
John Whitman,	
Jeams Bryant,	Sick present.
John Ruland,	the Quarter masters waiter.
Elicam Brush,	did not answer.
Israel Conkling,	Sick pres^{t}.
Elias Thompson,	
David Willinson,	Sick in hospital.
Gilbert Soper,	Up the N. River.

Nathaniel Wilmot,	on Command at the hospital.
Edmund Bunce,	
Elexander Wood,	
Jonathan Wickes,	
Stephen Wickes,	Sick up the North River.
Lemuel Moger,	on Guard at Kings Bridge.
Jeddediah Willinson,	
Ebenez[r] Homand,	
Samuel Satterly,	on Guard at Kings Bridg.
Jonathan Thomson,	Do
Benjaman Ruland,	one of the Rangers.
Joseph Lane,	
Doxe Lane,	
Daniel Sweesy,	
William Sweesy,	
Joseph Seward,	Sick up the North River.
Daniel Davis,	on Guard at Kings Bridg.
Isaac Garrard,	
Benjaman Niecolls,	
Abraham Dullunse,	Sick up the North River.
John Weest,	Sick Do
Charls Berry,	
Shadrick Gean,	
Phineas Meicks,	Sick up the North River.
Jonathan Bayle,	on Guard at Kings Bridg.
Solomon Ren,	
Ceser Indien,	
Saul Burwagen,	
Zebulon Smith,	Sick Absent.
Jehiel Meed,	Do
Daniel Smith,	Do
Daniel Blatchly,	Do
Jesse Soper,	Do
Zophar Conkling,	Do
Isaac Hawkens,	Do
Amos Adoms,	Do
Joseph Smith,	Do
Samuel Jackson,	Do
Platt Arther,	Do
David Hults,	Do
Eliphalet Wood,	Sick Absent.
Zophar Ruland,	Do
William Davis,	Do
Jervis Tucker,	Taken in the Retreat from New York.
Daniel Rogers,	
Henery Hubbert,	Sick Absent.
Isaac Conkling,	Taken or Killed in the Retreat from Now York.
Jeremiah Chichester,	Dyed at Dobses Ferry Sept[r] 15[th].
Elias Garrard,	Do Octob[r] 9[th].
Jacob Seudder,	Deserted Sept[r] 12[th].
Able Cook,	Deserted Sept[r] 29[th].
Benajah Smith,	Do Sept[r] 29[th].
Ezecal Hand,	Do Sept[r] 29[th].
Beniaman Titus,	Dyed at Dobs ferry October 11[th].
Nicols Tillison,	

List of Prisoners Taken at Hackensack.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 165.]

Soldiers:	*Sailors in the Enemy's Service:*
John Miller, Lt. Horsman,	John M^{c}Krackan,
John Maylack,	W^{m} Brown,
Joshua Fouler	W^{m} Russell,
	James Colvin,
	Isaac Longworth.

W^{m} Day said to be imployed in sinking the Chevaux De Frise and afterwards Piloted y^{e} Enemys ships up the North River.

John Persall a Disaffected Person.

Gabriel Vanorden a Great Tory and very mischievious.

Andrew Buskirk, Plundering the Whigs a very great Tory.

Thomas Gardner said to have been promised a Commission in y^{e} Enemy's service. A violent Tory.

Charles Gardner, a Tory, his Family is remov^{d} to N. York he was assisting to load the Vessell for N. York.

Salmon Dewyer late a Soldier with Col Wyne Since with the Enemy.

Henry Labach a Cooper imployed in the Enemys Service on Board y^{e} Sloop at Hackensack.

Report concerning Ryner Van Hoesen.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 369.]

Whereas Ryner Van Hoesen hath been confined in Goal in this State from the fourteenth Day of February last because of his being a good Pilot who might by falling into the Hands of the Enemy afford aid to their Designs and it hath been since determined by this Convention that the said Ryner Van Hoesen ought not to be trusted at large but should be confined within the Limits of the City of Albany, and whereas it is highly unjust that any man should be deprived of the means of labouring for the Support of himself and his Family where no Crime hath by him been Committed—

Resolved therefore that the said Ryner Van Hoesen shall receive the sum of seven Shillings per Day from the Day of his Confinement to the Time of his Arrival at Albany, and the sum of eight Shillings per Day from and after his said arrival untill he shall be discharged by this Convention or some future Legislature of this State.

Deposition of Isaac I. Sebring.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 285.]

Fishkill, State of New York, ss.

Isaac I. Sebring late of Kings County on Nassau Island but now of Fishkill & State above mentioned being sworn deposeth & Saith,

That on the 31st of October last he was at the house of Dominie Vanderlinden when Mr^{s} Vanderlinden shewed him a printed Handbill dated at New York October 4th with the signature A Emmerick highly reflecting on the Continental Congress & very prejudicial to the interests of America, that this deponent requested the loan of the said paper from Mr^{s} Vanderlinden who said she had borrowed it from a Soldier who had found three of them under a Chestnut Tree near her house & could not spare it, but that there were more of them in the neighborhood. In consequence of which when he the said Sebring came to the House of a Mr Hopper, Inkeeper at Piramus in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, he enquired for some of the said Papers & one of them was given to him either by Mr^{s} Hopper the wife of the said Hopper or his Daughter, the deponent is not certain which and further this deponent saith not. ISAAC I. SEBRING.

Sworn this third day of No^{r} 1776 before me,

PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, *V. Pres^{t}.*

Warrant against William Murry and Cornelius Thorp.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 279.]

Orange County, ss

You are hereby authorized to take the Bodys of William Murry & Cornelius Thorp so called & bring them forthwith to the House of Mr John Brewster to answer before the Precint Committee of a charge against them for altering the continental currancy, & if aid or assistance be needful you are likewise authorized hereby to call in for that purpose, such part of the Militia as may be necessary Given under our hand this 5th Novmb 1776.

NATHL SATTERLY,
ARCHBD LITTLE, Jun.

To Josuah Miller to execute this order.

Gen Scott to the Convention.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 464.]

Camp on the Heights near white Plains, Novr 5th 1776.

Sir: I was honored this morning with the Receipt of yours of the 2d Instant. General Clinton and myself conferred on its contents. He thinks that his Brigade will not except in a very few Instances want cloathing, mine certainly will not as they have but 25 days more to serve. I must earnestly recommend it to the Committee of Safety to expedite the Commissions before my Brigade is discharged, that there may be a chance of recruiting them or some of them on the new establishment,—Nothing new to communicate but that this moment I have received information that there is a great movement and Rumbling of carriages in the Enemies army; that they have withdrawn their advanced guards; and quitted one of their Incampments nearest to us. It is conjectured they are moving westward but nothing certain can be Concluded on account of the Fogginess of the Weather, until the return of the Scouts which General Clinton & myself have sent out. I shall keep this unsealed with Intent that if the Rider should not set off before we can make discoveries I may impart them to you, a few Cannon this moment heard from a great distance—Major Fish would be fond of accepting a Majority in the new establishment. I can honestly recommend him as well qualified for that Rank.—This I am sure of there is not a better Brigade Major in the Army. Indeed I have not seen one who can do the Duties of the Grand Parade so well as he except Major Henly; and I think he does not exceed him, In other departments of his present appointment he gives me great Satisfaction.

I am Sir With Great Respect Your and the Honorable Committee's most Obdt Servant,

JNO MORIN SCOTT.

The Honorable the President or Vice President, &c &c.

Return of Capt. Van Zandt's Company, in Col. Lasher's Regt Novr 5 1776.

[N. Y. Col. Mss. CI. 143.]

Viner Van Zandt, Captain on furlow.
Fred Stymets, 1 Lieut, } Present.
Samuel Johnson, 2 do }

Benjamin Burras, } Present. } Serjts.
Peter Myers, }
John Crolious, with Coll. Lasher, }

Garret Van Dewater, on furlow, } Corpls.
Walter Hyer, orderly to Genl Heath, }
David Mandevill, Kill'd Octor 30th, }

Privits fit for Duty.
John Burras,
John Beaty,
James Cambel,
George Cortelye,
Andrew Ten Eyck,
John Elsworth, Jun^{r},
Will^{m} Huger,
Joseph Donelson,
Will^{m} Strachan,
John Reed,
David Shaddle,
Will^{m} Peckwill,
Daniel Choen,
James Kersted,
Peter Young,
Severin Donelson,
Jesse Donelson,
Frederick Donelson.
With Coll Lasher.
John Markland,
Joseph Frilock,
John T. Elsworth,
Anthony Apple,
Jacob Howser,
Simon Snider.
Tent Makers on Commaud.
John Salmond,
Isaac Van Hook,
Will^{m} Rome,
James Parmer.
Sick in jersey.
Henry Van Dalsin,
Thommas Longley,
Will^{m} Johnson,
John Aeley.
Sick at Peeks Kill.
James Duglas,
Will^{m} Ten Broek.

16 Deserted or taken in the Retreat from New York.

Absent with out Leaf.
George Beckman,
Samuel Brewer, Drum^{r},
Francis Ardin,
Joseph Dobbs.

FRED. STYMETS, 1th *Lieut.*

Cap^{t} Seth Marvin's Company in Col. Sam^{l} Drake's Reg^{t}

[N. Y. Col. Mss. CI. 144.]

Seth Marvin, Capt,
Abraham Hanford, Lieut,
William Bradly, Sick absent, Left Camp Sep^{r} 25, without Leave.
Stephen Holsey, Serg^{t}, Sick, absent Left Camp Nov^{r} 1st,
Rodrick Beeby, Serg^{t},
Daniel Smith, Serg^{t},
Brewster Helms, Corp^{r},
David Cady, Corp^{r},
Timothy Little, Corp^{r},
Cornelius Metune, Drum^{r}, Missing Sep^{r} 15,
William Davis, Missing Sep^{r} 15,
Jesse Marvin, sick, absent, Sep^{r} 20th,
Samuel Parshel, Do Augst 27,
Theophilus Jackson, Do Sep^{r} 17,
Abraham Cory, Do Oct^{r} 27,
William Hodge, Do Oct^{r} 27,
Isaac Kelly, Left at King^{s} Bridge,
John Dickinson, Do
John Mapes, Do
Samuel Taylor, Do
John Weed, sick, absent Oct^{r} 27,
Isaac Pitcher, Do 27,
Francis Tuthill,
Joseph Davis,
Benjamin Howell,
Thomas Scott,
John Rogers,
Nathan Miller,
Amos Miller,
Niard Curtice,
Richard Herriman,
James West,
Joseph Dickerson,
Zebut Jume,
John Ferren,
Jeremiah Griffith,
Elijah Skeels,
Ashael Root,
David Root,
Mathias Taylor,
George Long,
Derrick Johnson,
Abraham Doran,
Benjamin Lord,
John Hughson,
David Chapman,
Ezekiel Chapman,
Andris Gardinier,
Jedediah Fuller,
John Marvin,
John Mury,
John Cole,
Obediah Helms,
Caleb Ashly,
Amos Travis,
Joseph Lord,
Henry Johnson, Deserter,
Jer: Robeson, Deserter.

I do Hereby Certify that the within is a True State of My Company this 6th Day of Nov^{r} 1776.

SETH MARVIN, *Cap^{t}*

Certificate of Capt Hamilton.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 280.]

I do hereby certify that the Bearer William Douglass has lost his Arm in the service of this State, having been a Matross in my Company of Artillery, thereto belonging, & he is accordingly recommended to the Convention thereof as entitled to the provision made by a late resolve of the Continental Congress for those disabled in defence of American Liberty. A. HAMILTON, *Capt.*

New York, Nov^{r} 6th 1776.

Pay was drawn for the above W^{m} Douglass till y^{e} first day of August.

A. H.

——— ——— *to John McKesson.*

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 217]

Fishkill, Nov^{r} y^{e} 1776.

Dear Sir: When the committee asked me if I would take the oath of Allegiance to the United States for several reasons I refused, soon after I came to you & acquainted you with it & that the principal reason was, that should I take the oath & at any time a Drauft of men was necessary that if it should be my lot to go I produce a man in my stead it might be refused & then should I neglect to go I should forfeit my oath which is a most sacred thing. I have talked with several of my acquaintance on the subject & should be glad to see the Copy of the Oath & if it does not put me on a wors footting then my neighbour and I can have liberty to go home on the same footing as friends to my Country I shall have no objections in taking it & shall be much obliged to you for your trouble if you would get the coppy of the oath & just step to see me for I should be glad to see you.

I am sir your Humbl Servant,

[Signature torn off.]

Minutes of the Albany Committee.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 259.]

18th October, 1776.

This board took into consideration how & in what manner the Militia now ordered to march to the northward should be supplied when there, and thereupon resolved that the Commissary be sent for, and requested to inform this board whether he has orders from Genl Schuyler to supply the Militia with provisions & other necessaries while up to the Northward.

Mr Avery appeared & informed this board that he had no orders from the Genl to supply the Militia, he was then asked whether there was a quantity of provisions in Store, he answered no large quantity, he was then asked, How & in what manner the Garrison to the Northward were supplied, he answered, there was at Ticonderoga a supply for about 3 weeks—he was then asked whether he had any contractors out in the country, he answered he had and expected a pretty large supply of Cattle in a few days.

The Committee then informed him that they would assist him in purchasing & Transporting provisions as far as their influence would extend, & advised him to write a Letter to his Honor Major Genl Schuyler stating the above circumstances, & that this Committee would write him on the same subject, & therefore Resolved to send the following letter to Genl Schuyler vide Letter.

And in order that the Commissary may the better understand the intention of this Committee,

Ordered, that the Commissary be served with this resolution.

Resolved, that this Committee will at all times upon application of the Deputy Commissary General, assist him in procuring Provisions & Carriages as far as their influence will extend.

19th October.

The Committee again took into consideration the disstressing situation of the Army to the Northward may happen to fall in for want of provisions & thereupon

Resolved, that Messrs John Ten Broeck, Jeremh Van Renseler & Stephen J. Schuyler, be a Committee to confer with the Deputy Commissary Genl what assistance he should want in procureing & transporting provisions.

The Committee returned & reported that they had waited on the Deputy Commissary Genl & requested from him what assistance he required from this board, & that he had furnished them with the following written request.

Albany, 19th October, 1776.

Tis my request that the Committee of the County of Albany will employ a sufficient Number of Persons to purchase and forward on to such places as the Troops now Marching for the United States as they may be stationed at, upon the Cheapest and best Terms they can, Cattle and Flour for subsistence of said Troops and upon producing Receipts of the Persons they purchase of for the cost of the same, and also Receipt from the Commissaries at those places for the delivery of said Articles they shall receive pay from me for the same, as well as for their Trouble & Expenses.

Also that said Committee will furnish me with a sufficient number of Waggons to Transport Provisions sufficient to supply the present Exigencys of the Northern Army. ELISHA AVERY, *D. C. Genl.*

The Deputy Commissary Genl applied to this Board, that the Cooper in the store & four other persons employed in issuing provisions & procuring carriages for transporting the same, might be detained & excused from the present march with the Militia to the Northward.

Resolved, that the Commissary's request be granted, and the said persons are hereby excused accordingly, & that the Commissary's request with the names of the persons be delivered him & that Nicholas Mersaille one of the Contractors for purchasing Cattle be added to the persons excused.

The Deputy Commissary Genl requested that Teunis T. Van Vechten might be excused from marching with the Militia to the Northward, as he had employed him to purchase cattle for the use of the Northern Army.

Resolved, that the Commissary's request be granted, & the said Teunis Van Vechten is hereby excused accordingly.

Mr. Myndert S. Ten Eyck, one of the members of this board being employed by the Deputy Commissary Genl to purchase flour & other Provisions.

Resolved, that the said Myndert S. Ten Eyck & such others as are employed by the Commissary To purchase flour & Provisions, proceed on their business with all dispatch & forward the same to such places as they shall be directed by the Commissary with the greatest despatch, & they are hereby empowered to detain such persons as they shall deem necessary for the manufacturing of Flour, Purchasing Provisions & transporting the same.

20th

The Commissary appeared before this Board & requested them to join with him in an application to the Convention of this State for a quantity of Flour, said to be purchased by them at Esopus & other places below, & thereupon,

Resolved to join with the commissary in the following manner "We join with the Commissaries Request & beg you will send forward with all dispatch if not the whole quantity as much as can be spared for this department."

21st

The Committee took into consideration the Commissarys request & conceived that his Requisition was too General & extensive & thereupon

Resolved that the following answer be sent thereto by Capt Geo White who is ordered to offer himself as a Contractor for purchasing Cattle.

Capt White returned & reported that he had offered himself to the Commissary to purchase Cattle that the Commissary told him he had a sufficient number of Contractors out at present & if he wanted any he would apply to the Committee.

Extract from the minutes of the Committee of the City & County of Albany,

MAT: VISSCHER, *Secy.*

[Mil. Commit. 25: 392.]

ALBANY, 17th October, 1776.

SIR: On receipt of yours of this Morning directed to General Ten Broeck, we issued our Orders to the several Colonels to March the whole of their Regiments with the greatest dispatch to Fort Edward, and on inquiring of Mr Avery the Commissary General about providing Carriages and Provisions for the Militia on their March, and if any quantity was stored at Fort Edward, he answered that he had no Instructions from you for providing the Militia, and as for provisions there was none at Fort Edward and that the whole of the provisions at the Forts above was only a sufficiency for about three weeks at most, and that the supplying the Militia would entirely deprive the intended supplys to be forwarded for the Continental Troops. in this alarming situation we request your immediate direction regarding the present March of our Militia.

We are Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servants,

JOHN BARCLAY, *Chairman, P. T.*
ABRAHAM TEN BROECK, *Brigadier General.*

ALBANY COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 21st Octr 1776.

SIR: We have perused your request of the 19th Instant, and are of opinion that your Terms are too general and extensive, for if we employ a sufficient number of persons to purchase and a sufficient number of Waggons to transport provisions for our Northern Army we should then take upon us the whole business of Contracting and forwarding, at least the most troublesome parts and leave you only to Issue which as our affairs are at present Circumstanced, it is impossible for us to do, but will with pleasure give you what assistance we can.

We are Sir Your Humble Servts By Order,

To Mr ELISHA AVERY, *D. C. G.* JOHN BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

I do hereby certify that the above are True Copies from the Originals, now in the Custody of the Committee. MAT: VISSCHER, *Secty.*

[Mr Duane's Mem.]

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 701.]

Meeting of the Committee with General Schuyler & Lieut Col Gansevoort Saraghtoga 22d October 1776

1st Marked the Officers fit for service

2nd Agreed to appoint to Col Van Schaick's Regiment to recruit:

Capt Andrew Fink, } at Fort George.
Lieut Charles Parsons, }
Ensign John Denny, }
Capt Hicks, at Albany.
Capt Graham of Col. Nicholson's at Johns Town.

In appointing the Officers who are recommended regard should be had to their former rank. General Schuyler is of Opinion. *Vide* No. 1.

3 Agreed that General Schuyler should pay 1000 Dollars into the hands of Col. Gansevoort to be repaid by the Committee the Coll to pay the money out in £100 at a payment to the recruiting Capt.

4 Officers who served in Canada & are not provided for:

good. Marinus Willet.
v. g. Cornelius Van Dyck, was a military A. C.
v. g. Cornelius Van Slyck, a Lieut.
Drm^rd Barrent J. Ten Eyck.
v. g. Chris. P. Yates.

..... v. g. Nicholas Van Rensselaer. .....
..... v. g. Will. Goforth. .....
..... v. g. Levi Pawling. .....

Borrowed 1000 dollars from Gen Schuyler to be repaid at Albany & Paid the same to Col. Gansevoort.

Wynkoop has no Major this year. only 6 Companies have joined him. Two remain in Tryon County.

Capt. Isenlord, Capt of Militia of Van Dyke's Regiment. .....

3 To recruit from Col Wynkoops Regiment at Skeensburgh; Capt. Samuel Van Veghten, Lieut. John Hooghkirk.

4 To recruit between Saratoga and Albany from Manor, Capt. Vosborgh & Garret Veeder's Companies of Wynkoop's Regiment.

Borrowed 1000 Dollars more from General Schuyler and paid £300 to Col Wynkoop for the recruiting service at Skeensburgh.

5 To pay £100 to Lieut Barrent Salsbery of Wynkoop's Regmt.

N. B. Col. Wynkoop informed me that he had taken Care to secure Col Skeen's personal property. He was requested to continue the Charge thereof. Que^{y} whether it would be proper to take the sense of Congress thereupon?

Oct 22. Gave instruction to Lieut Salsbery at Stilwater & also the sum of £100.

Albany Oct 29. Gave instructions to Lieut. Conyn and the sum of £300 for him & Capt Hicks to recruit; & also a set of instructions for the Capt.

Agreed that Mr Cuyler write to Capt Isenlord & inclose him a set of instructions to recruit & the sum of £100.

[Mil. Com. 25: 396.]

In Committee of Safety, &^{c} Oct^{r} 29, 1776.

Gent^{n}: We have yours of the 24th inst before us and aprove of the method you have pursued in appointing Recruiting Officers and now send you by the Express the £1200 you have Borrowed for that purpose.

We would Beg leave to Recommend to you the Calling in the Members of the Committee appointed to Confer with General Schuyler, so as to make a Quorum without you that you may return with all Convenient speed to Fish Kill to Join Coll: De Wit, Judge Graham and M^{r} Harper (who are already arrived) to Finish the Arrangement, we would not however by any means advise you to Leave Albany in this Critical Situation of Affairs unless there be a Quorum of that Committee without you, and if you cannot all leave that Committee we advise that so many of you Come to Fish Kill as can be spared from them. Leaving a Quorum of that Committee sufficient for the Business. We are &^{c}

Mess^{rs} Duane, Yates & Cuyler, Albany.

Proceedings of the Committee appointed to co-operate with Major-General Schuyler.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 1, 504.]

The Committee appointed to co-operate with Major-General Schuyler on devising and carrying into Execution all such measures as they shall deem most effectual for repelling the invasion of the enemies army on the northern and western frontier of this State, Do report that they have agreeable to order performed the services assigned them in the manner set fourth in the minutes of their proceedings, and the several papers numbered from No. 1 to No. 41 which are submitted this 7 Day of Nov 1776. ROB^{T} YATES, *Chairman.*

The Committee of Safety for the State of new York convened at Fish Kill by their resolves entered into the 91 October 1776, appointed Brigadier General Ten Broeck, Evert Banker, Robert R. Livingston, Jacob Cuyler, Robert Yates, John Bleecker, Christopher Yates, John Tayler, John Ten Broeck, James Duane, Volkert Veeder, and William Harper, a Committee in order to co-operate with Major-Gen-

eral Schuyler on devising and carrying into execution all such measures as they shall deem most effectual for repelling the invasion of the Enemies Army on the Northern and Western Frontiers of this State, and that for the purpose of carrying into execution the said resolves any four of the above number together with the Chairman be a quorum.

ALBANY, Oct. 24, 1776.

In consequence of the above Resolves brought up by R. R. Livingston Esq[r] the following Gentlemen met at the above place to wit:

Evert Banker, John Tayler,
Robert R. Livingston, John Ten Broeck.
Jacob Cuyler, James Duane.
Robert Yates,

and after having the Resolves read thereupon proceeded to the choice of a Chairman and appointed Robert Yates Chairman of the said Committee.

Resolved that a Letter be sent to General Schuyler and that R. R. Livingston prepare a draft for that purpose.

M[r] Livingston produced a draft which being read and agreed to, ordered to be engrossed [*prout* the Letter N° 1] which was sent off by express the same Evening.

Resolved further that another Letter be despatched to P. R. Livingston Esq president of the Convention acquainting him with the measures taken by this Committee and suggesting what ought to be done below and that Mr. Duane draft the same. [A]

Resolved further that M[r] Avery the d'y Commissary be requested to render an estimate of the provisions at the different Posts under his direction.

A paper dated the 24[th] instant marked No. 2, signed by Thomas Esmay a Serjeant in Coll —— Regiment in the Manor of Rensselaerwicke was read giving information of an insurrection of disaffected persons at the Hellebergh whereupon

Resolved that the Second Battalion of the Claverack Militia Commanded by Coll Van Ness and now at Schuyler's ferry be ordered to return to this City to be ready to march for the suppression of the said Insurgents and an express was despatched accordingly.

ALBANY, Oct 24[th] 1776.

SIR: As we will have immediate use for your Regiment for a day or two in this neighbourhood, we request that you will immediately march them back to the City, where you will be informed of the nature of your service. We are Sir Your Humble Servants,

By Order of the Committee of the Convention of the State of New York,
To Coll PETER VAN NESS. ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

Resolved that a Spy be Sent among the Insurgents to discover their numbers motions and designs: Coll Van Schaik having recomend a soldier of his Battalion for that purpose He was accordingly despatched with instructions and promice of a Reward of Ten Pounds if he should perform the service satisfactorily.

Adjourned to 9 oClock to-morrow morning.

Oct. 25, 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: Robert Yates, President. Robert R. Livingston,
James Duane, John Ten Broeck,
Jacob Cuyler, John Tayler.

A Letter from Coll Whiting of Kings District Battalion dated at Kings District dated the 24[th] instant was read marked N° 3, giving information of a number of disaffected persons in that District.

Resolved that an officer and fifteen men of the Albany Rangers commanded by Cap[t] Baldwin, and now quartered in this City be immediately despatched to assist in opposing and securing the said Insurgents, and that application be made to the Committee of Albany under whose directions the said Rangers are for that purpose. Which was accordingly done and agreed to.

Resolved that a Letter be written to Coll Whiting directing and authorizing him to raise and detain for the same service the well affected Militia remaining in that district, And to call on the nearest Township in the Massachusets Bay for such a number of men as will together with his own and the Rangers make up one hundred and that he be further directed to see the men properly supplied with provisions agreeable to the Continental allowance, upon which they will be placed both with respect to pay and rations. The whole Body to be commanded by the said Coll Whiting untill he shall be superseeded by a superior officer.

The draft of a Letter to Coll Whiting was read and approved of. Ordered to be copyed, signed by the Chairman and sent of by Express. [Prout the letter. N° 4.]

M[r] Avery agreeable to request delivered in an Estimate of provisions at the Different Stations.[See the Estimate. N° 5.]

It was represented to this Committee that,

Doctor Henry Van Dyck,	Major Edminston, a half pay Officer,
Cornelius Glen,	Peter Van Schaak,
Benjamin French,	Peter Vosburgh,
Jacob A. Lansing,	Robert Oksly,
John Stevenson,	James Dole,
Henry Ten Eyck,	—— Baker,
John Van Allen,	John Fryer,
John Visscher, of Schenectady,	

are persons disaffected to the cause of American Liberty, and that their stay in the County of Albany will be dangerous and therefore

Resolved, that the members of this Committee, who are members of the Committee of the County do wait on the Committee of the said County and submit it to their consideration (if they have just grounds of their unfriendly disposition) to remove them out of this State immediately.

Whereas it is represented to this Committee that there are many disaffected persons in the Manor of Livingston and its neighbourhood and that the remaining Militia who can be relyed on are few in number and illy armed,

Resolved that a Letter be written to the Commdg officer of the Manor Regiment directing him to detain the Militia there and hold them in readiness to suppress any Insurrections among the disaffected in that part of the State or wherever else they may be ordered by this Committee or the Committee of Safety of the State of New York.

Resolved that the Committee of the Manor Livingston be requested to arm and equip the Company of Rangers raised in that district immediately and order them to be quartered at or near the place of Rendevouz and kept in readiness for immediate Service.

And that a Copy thereof be sent to Lieu Coll Henry Livingston of the Manor of Livingston, which was accordingly done.

M[r] Duane (according to Order) produced a draft of a letter to Peter R. Livingston Esq president of the Convention of the State of New York, which was read and approved of and ordered to be Signed and sent together with the Several papers referred to in said Letter. [See No. 6.]

John Vanden Bergh was broght before this Committee for Examination. He is a person who lives near the Helle Bergh and suspected to be well acquainted with the proceedings and designs of the disaffected in those parts, which he upon a long Examination and with great backwardness at Last Discovered. [See the examination No. 7.]

Agreed to despatch a messenger to Coll Vanden Bergh and Cap[t] Slingerlands requesting their attendance on this Committee to inform them of the Situation of the country in and about the places alluded to in the above examination and to march with Coll Van Ness's Regiment as guides to those places, which messenger was despatched accordingly.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning.

26th Octo^{r} 1776.

Met according to adjournment.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman. John Tayler,
John Ten Broeck, Jacob Cuyler,
Robert R. Livingston, James Duane.

Met according to adjournment. Coll. Vanden Bergh and Cap^{t} Slingerlands appeared according to request, and with them Lieut Luke

Coll. Vanden Bergh produced returns of such persons in his Regiment who have not marched up with the Militia of the County, and it appears by other information that most of those are such as have collected themselves in and about the Helleburgh for the purpose of opposing by force the measures of Congress.

Absentees 82 persons.

Agreed upon sending a Letter to Cap^{t} John Bradt at Cocksackie which was accordingly done. [Prout Letter No. 8.]

Coll. Van Schaik being sent for and asked whether he could spare about 50 of the Continental Troops 2 or 3 days to march under the directions of this Committee to the Hellebergh and he agreeing to it he was desired to order them under the Command of Capt Hicks to be in readiness as soon as possible.

Cap^{t} Baldwin was also called in, and informed this Committee that he had only about 15 men of his Company of Rangers which he was ordered to hold themselves in readiness for the same purpose.

Coll. Van Ness was ordered to detach 80 men out of his Regiment for the same service and the remaining part of his Regiment are to remain in this city to perform the duty of those Troops who are ordered out.

Resolved that Captain Abraham Slingerlands of Coll Vanden Bergh's Regiment of Militia be ordered to attend the above detachments as a Guide in the Rout they are to take for the apprehending of the disaffected persons.

Resolved that a set of Instructions be drawn for Major Ford and the party under his Command, which said Instructions being drawn and agreed to ordered that the same be copyed and given to the said Major for his conduct. [See the instructions No. 9.]

Oct. 27th 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman. Jacob Cuyler,
John Ten Broeck, Robert R. Livingston.
John Tayler,

Received a Letter from General Schuyler of the 26th Instant inclosing copies of Letter from Generals Gates and Arnold. [Marked N^{o} 10, 11, 12.]

Also received a Letter from Sec^{y} M^{c}Kesson of the 24th Instant. [N^{o} 13.]

Resolved that an answer be sent to Convention and that copies of the Letters received from General Schuyler be therein inclosed, which is accordingly done—and sent by the return of the Express. [See the draft N^{o} 11.]

October 28th 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman. John Tayler,
Robert R. Livingston, Jacob Cuyler,
James Duane, John Ten Broeck.

The following letters were received last night and now Laid before the Committee To wit: A Letter from General Schuyler Dated the 27th Oct^{r} instant covering a letter from Cap^{t} Allen dated Fort Dayton 25th of October and also another letter from General Hermkemeyer dated the 25th October to General Schuyler the latter giving an account of the situation of Tryon County, and the information they have respectively received of the desertion of some of the inhabitants to the enemy, and the probability that the County will soon be Invaded.

The General thereupon acquainting this Committee that he had ordered Coll Dayton with his Regiment to halt on their march until they should hear from this Committee. And that if a sufficient Body of Militia could not be sent to secure Tryon County that Coll Dayton is to obey the directions of this Committee. [See N^{o} 15, 16, & 17.] Thereupon

Resolved That this Committee will detach the following Troops for the defence of the western frontier (viz)

Capt Bradts Rangers who have performed the service at Coxackie,	50 men	
A detachment of Capt Baldwins Comy Rangers,	20	
A detatchment under Major Ford of Coll Van Ness' Regimt of Claverack Militia,	80	
A detatchment of Schohary Militia under Capt. Hager,	55	
	—	205
Capt Hicks & McCraeken's Companies of Coll Van Schaick's Continental Regiment,	120	
If there be added to the Troops now on that Service and the Tryon Militia, viz:		
Elmore's Regiment,	443	
Nicholson's Regiment,	150	
Tryon County Rangers,	150	
Militia supposed at,	1000	
	——	1743
The total will be,		2068 men

Resolved, that a letter be despatched by Express to General Schuyler inclosing the above resolves and containing the sentiments of this Committee upon the propriety of ordering Coll Dayton's Regiment back, and the Troops which may be ordered to Tryon County which was accordingly done. [Prout the draft of letter N° 18.]

Received a Letter from Major Ford. [N° 19.]

Resolved that an answer be despatched to Major Ford requiring his return as soon as the service whereon he was sent is despatched. [N° 21.]

Received a letter from John A. Bradt commanding the party at Coxackie, whereby he acquaints the Committee of his proceedings. [N° 20.]

Resolved that an answer be sent to him requiring his return and the party under his command to this City as soon as their business is accomplished. [N° 22.]

Resolved that an order be issued to the Commissary Mr Avery to vitual Major Fords party with 3 days provisions—which was accordingly done and sent up by some of the Waggons belonging to the party.

John Vanden Bergh again appearing before this Comitte, and discovering nothing further respecting the Tories in and about the Hellebergh he was thereupon dismissed and for his former services he was given 40s.

A draft of a Letter was prepared to be sent to General Herkemeyer which was agreed to and ordered to be copyed, and sent, and a Copy thereof ordered to be inclosed in Genl Schuyler's letter.

Mr Dirck Swart was called in in order to give this Committee information of such particulars as he heard at Bennington respecting two letters which had been received by their Committee from Commissy Yauney & D Adt General Trumbull, and the information he gave is as follows. [See the Examination on the file subscribed by Mr Swart. N° 23.]

Oct. 29th 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman. John Ten Broeck,
James Duane, Jacob Cuyler,
Robert R. Livingston, John Tayler,

Major Ford with the party under his command returned from the Hellebergh and reports that he could not discover any parties of disaffected persons assembled together. that he had traversed the country and found that most of the Inhabitants had absconded. that has apprehended however. [See his Narrative Letter A.]

John Reid,
John Long,
Garret Slingerlands,
Jeremiah Pemberton,
John Halenbeeck, who was however discharged.

Wouter Slingerlands,
Myndert Bradt,
John Seeger,
Gerrit Seeger,
Matthys Hoghteeling, who he released but retained his arms.

Thereupon the Committee proceeded to the Examination of John Reid, John Long and Myndert Bradt.

As to the first, upon Examination his character appears suspicious and therefore he was remanded to Goal.

As to the second (that is to say) John Long, he appears to have been mislead, and professing his hearty repentance, and promising a ready concurrence with the measures of Congress, was thereupon dismissed, upon his promise to go up and Join his Militia Regiment at fort Edward. [N° 24.]

Myndert Bradt appeared to be an ignorant lad of about 17 years—but not sufficiently candid was thereupon remanded.

Received from General Schuyler a letter of the 29 instant, in answer to that of yesterday's date, acquainting this Committee that he had ordered Coll Dayton's Regiment to prosecute their march to the northward, and that about 400 of the Militia were ordered to march from Fort Edward to Tryon County to be under the Command of General Herkymer or Coll Van Schaick, whom he had ordered into that quarter, with the two Companies of his Regiment up with him. [See N° 25.]

Thereupon Ordered, that M^r^ Avery the D^y^ Comis^y^ General be made acquainted with this movement in order to be ready to furnish those Troops with provisions.

Resolved further that Cap^t^ Bradt march with his Company of Rangers into Tryon County & put himself under the Command of Coll Van Schaik. And that Cap^t^ Hager with the party of Militia under his Command return to Schohary and hold themselves in readiness at a moments warning to march to the defence of the Western frontier, whenever they shall receive orders from Coll Van Schaik that they may contribute with the rest of their fellow subjects, who are now in arms, to the utmost of their power in defence of the Rights and Libertys of their Country.

October 30^th^ 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman.
James Duane,
Robert R. Livingston,
John Tayler,
Jacob Cuyler.

From the information received from General Schuyler, it is Judged necessary to alter the contents of the Letter intended to be sent to General Herkemyer, which was accordingly done and agreed to. [See the draft N° 26.]

M^r^ Duane prepared a draft of an answer to General Schuyler's Letters of the 28 & 29^th^ Inst, which being read, approved of, and Copyed, was despatched by Express. (O. B. N. Schonhoven,) [N° 27.]

October 31^st^ 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman.
John Tayler,
Jacob Cuyler,
James Duane.

Received by the return of the Express sent yesterday to General Schuyler, an answer [See the letter N° 28] and inclosing thereon despatches for Coll Van Schaik and Major Cockran in Tryon County—which were by Express immediately sent forward.

Also Received a Letter from Coll Whiting from King's District giving an account of the state of that district and referring to two affidavits brought by the messenger. [N° 29, 30, & 31.]

M^r^ Duane was requested to prepare a Draft of a Letter to Gen^l^ Schuyler, which being reported and agreed, ordered to be Copyed and Sent. [No 32.]

A draft of a letter was also produced directed to Coll Whiting which being also agreed to Copyed, and Sent by Major Buck. [No 33.] Also another letter to Coll Van Rensselaer which was sent by the same conveyance. [N° 34.]

Nov^r^ 1^st^ 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman.
John Ten Broeck,
James Duane,
Jacob Cuyler,
John Tayler.

By the return of the Express from the Fish Kill received the following despatches from the Committee of Safety of New York.

A Letter dated the 29th of October [See the Letter N° 35.] Inclosed therein a copy of their Resolves [N° 36,] also a copy of a letter from Mr Tilghman from Head Quarters. [N° 37.]

Resolved that an agent be appointed and impowered to purchase wheat for the use of the Continental Army, and that he cause the Same to be manufactured into flour and transported to Such places where the same may be manufactured with the utmost despatch.

Resolved that if any shall so far disregard the safety and preservation of this Country as to refuse to dispose of their wheat or other commodities necessary for the Army on reasonable Terms (which this Committee have no cause to apprehend) that the names of all such persons be forthwith returned to the Committee of Safety or Convention of this State in order that proper measures may be devised for preventing the public interest from being sacrificed by the disaffection or rapacity of Individuals.

Resolved that such agent (if necessary) be authorized to empress, Drivers, Waggons, Teams or Carts or other Carriage for the purpose of executing with the utmost despatch the Resolutions of this Committee.

Transmitted a Copy of the above Resolutions to Mr Avery D. Comsy in a Letter. [See the draft, N° 38.]

Novr 2nd 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman. Jacob Cuyler,
James Duane, John Tayler.
John Ten Broeck,

Capt Stephen Lush furnished this Committee with a copy of a letter dated 20th Oct 1776, from Joseph Trumbull to the Committee at Bennington; also a Copy of a letter from Yansey D. C. to the said Committee of the same date. [N° 39: 40.]

Thereupon agreed to send for Mr Avery in order to be informed whether he has given information at Head Quarters at Ticonderoga which could Justify the reflections against the County of Albany contained in one of those letters, and also to know his reasons for not answering the Committee's Letter.

Mr Avery was accordingly called in and says that he would have waited on the Come before but was being much engaged was prevented. That he expects and has received considerable Quantities of provisions.

He was then told that this Committee were ready to give him their assistance and that no exertions in the power of this State would be wanting to supply the Army, and that if he would point out any thing that would be Serviceable it should be taken into consideration. He answered, That he would chuse that an agent should be appointed agreeable to the Committee's proposal to purchase wheat for manufacturing about 1000 Barrels of flour.

That he is also in want of Coopers, whereupon the Committee shewed him the resolves of Convention respecting the Exemption of Coopers from Militia Duty, and that this Committee had already acquainted the County Committee with the said Resolves and that they had requested them to recall the Coopers already gone up. He also said that he wanted about 1000 Bushels of pease. That he does not know that he has met with any obstructions in transporting the provisions. That the Committee of Albany had promised him all the assistance in their power but that when he was in want of waggons when the Militia was called up he could not get a ready assistance that he does not know but that the Committee did all in their power to assist him. That he has made no complaints to Genl Gates but he has wrote to the Commissary that there was a difficulty in getting waggons, Because the Militia were called up that way.

Mr Duane thereupon read to him Mr Yancey's Letter to the Comittee of Bennington, as also Mr Trumbles Letter to the said Committee. Thereupon he was asked from whome this information could arise.

He said he had never given the Comy any other information respecting the want of waggons or the objection of their transportation than what he has before related

and particularly that he had laid no blame on the Inhab^{ts} of the County of Albany. That the Committee of Albany have always behaived genteely to him and have readily Offered their services to assist him. That the interruption of transporting the provisions occasioned by the calling out of the Militia continued for a short Time only.

Whereupon the Committee resolved that as nothing could work a greater injury to the public Service Sowing the Seeds of Jealousy and distrust at so critical a conjunction, the Comittee should think it their duty, to make the strictest enquiry into M^{r} Yancey's Letter and the information and motives which induced him to write it, for that as on the one hand they would have taken care that any person who might have been guilty of obstructing the Transportation should be punished with the utmost severity So it was equally their duty if the charge in that letter was groundless to have it publicly exposed that the ill impressions which it had occasioned might be removed, and for this purpose they must request M^{r} Avery, if he could do it conscientiously, to furnish this Committee with Extracts or copies of such letters as he has lately sent to Ticonderoga upon the subject of Transportation either to Gen^{l} Gates or the Comsy there, he gave for answer that he would, and thereupon withdrew.

In the Afternoon he again waited on the Committee and acquainted them that he had not kept Copies of the Letters which he had lately sent to Ticonderoga.

The Committee having at their first interview with M^{r} Avery inquired further what quantity of provisions the deputy Comissy General had delivered over to him when he had entered upon his Office Answered, a sufficient quantity of Beef, tho' but little Flour.

The Committee therefore directed the late Deputy Comsy. to lay before them a Return of the flour delivered over by him to M^{r} Avery, [N° 41,] which he accordingly did. From which it appears the quantity so delivered over amounts to 14 Tierces and 16 Barrels of bread 16 Connecticut Barrels and 3209 New York Barrels of Flour being 59 days rations for 11000 men. At the interview with M^{r} Avery on this day the Said return was produced to him which he perused.

General Schuyler being arrived and upon a conference with him respecting the Situation of Tryon County,

Resolved that Gen^{l} Schuyler be requested and authorized to issue his orders to the Commanding or other officers in Tryon County in case the Enemy should invade the western frontier of this State, to cause all the Cattle, Sheep, Swine and provisions which may be exposed to their ravages to be driven in and Secured or if that shall not be practicable, destroyed that at all events they may not fall into the hands of the Enemy, and for this purpose they are hereby authorized to empress Horses & Carriages.

Resolved further that Gen^{l} Schuyler be furnished with a copy of the above Resolution.

The Committee entered into a Conference with Gen^{l} Schuyler respecting the State of Supplies for the Northern Army, and among other things inquired whether the Transportation of provisions had been obstructed by the calling out of the Militia or from any other cause? In answer the General informed the Committee that the Militia having been attended with a great number of Baggage Waggons he had immediately given orders for detaining and employing those carriages on the Communication, that he had further ordered all the Militia of the Half Moon District who chose to be excused from Military duty on condition that they would assist with their Teams in transporting provisions which a great number of them accordingly did. That in consequence of those measures the transportation instead of being obstructed by calling ont of the Militia had been greatly facilitated. That he had never heard nor did he believe that the Transportation had met with the least obstruction from any cause whatever, but on the contrary that provisions had been carryed forward as soon as they were ready to be delivered by the Commissary.

That during the present Struggle he had experienced so much readiness in the Inhabitants of the County of Albany to assist in the transportation, that he had in no instance been under the necessity of empressing a single Carriage.

ALBANY, Nov 3d 1776.

Present: Robert Yates, Chairman.
John Tayler,
James Duane,
John Ten Broecke,
Jacob Cuyler.

Resolved, that Cornelius Cuyler and Peter Cantine be and they are hereby appointed agents to assist Mr Avery agreeable to his report in purchasing wheat and manufacturing the same into flour to the amount of about 1000 Barrels—and also to purchase 1000 Bushels of pease, and that they aequaint Mr Avery from time to time of their proceedings, and take his directions as to the dispositions of the said provisions, and to apply to him to furnish them with money for that purpose.

ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

[For Report of the Committee, see *Jour. Prov. Cong. I.* 699.]

Appendix to the preceding Report.

Volkart Veeder to Robert R. Livingston.

[Mil. Com. 25: 340.]

CACHNAWAGO, Octobr ye 27th 1776.

SIR: I have made bold to send this to Informe you that I am in a very low Estate of Health being Tormented with a continual racking Pain in my Bowels and a great Fever Confined to my Bed since the 21th Instant; But Sir as soon as God pleases to bless me with Health and strength to perform a Journey I shall come to Albany to you. I have received your Letter; from Sir Your most obedient and Humble Servt

VOLKART VEEDER.

(No. 1.)

[Mil. Com. 25: 502.]

ALBANY, Oct 24th 1776.

SIR: we are Informed By Mr Tayler who is Just arrived From Cumberland County, that the Militia of that County and those of Glouecester were ordered to hold Themselves in Readiness to March on their Receiving Intelligence that the Enemy were Beseiging Ticonderoga, and that it was their Intention to take their Rout thro' the Country to that place. we deemed Expedient to inform you of their Intentions, knowing the scarcity of Provisions at that Garrison.—From the affidavits transmitted you by the Committee of Albany, we are ledd to believe that some part of the Enemy's force propose to make incursions on the western frontier, we cannot therefore but lament the necessity that calls Coll Daton's Regiment to Ticonderoga, and leaves the guard of the Communication on which the safety of the whole Army depends, principally to Militia,

we submit to you the propriety of Employing active Scouts who should go from the head of the Hudson's River, to Ticonderoga to whom rewards might be offered on their bringing intelligence of the Enemy's approach.

We ar Sir &c by Order

R. YATES, *Ch*n

P. S. as we have Just now received information of a most dangerous Conspiracy of the Tories in and about the Helleburgh, we have recalled Coll Van Ness' Regiment who is now on his march to Fort Edward in order to employ it against them. As soon as the necessary service is over, we shall order him to march up.

To Genl SCHUYLER.

(A.)

[Mil. Com. 25: 374.]

ALBANY, Octobr 24th 1776.

SIR: Agreeable to the directions of Convention we have conferred with General Schuyler at Saratoga, and some of the Field Officers on the subject of the new Arrangement of the Army, and have appointed recruiting officers at proper stations and given them their instructions.

Having dispatched what was necessary in this quarter we should have proceeded immediately to Fish Kill had we not been prevented by the resolutions of the Committee of Safety which requires us to assist in a new department here. We now wait for further directions as (if we should leave Albany) there would not remain a quorum of the last Committee of which we are Members.

You will be pleased to Communicate to us the pleasure of the Committee of Safety by the return of this Express.

To avoid delay we have borrowed twelve hundred pounds to furnish the recruiting officers with the means of proceeding immediately on this special service which we beg may be sent us by Express.

We are Sir Your Most Obedient h^l Serv^t

JA^s DUANE,
ROBERT YATES,
JACOB CUYLER.

To PETER R. LIVINGSTON, Esq^r President of the Convention of the State of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 482.]

FISHKILL, 28^th Oct^r 1776.

The Convention of the State of New York, D^r

To the Comittee of three, for their Expenses for 10 days in going to the Camp at Kingsbridge and White plains,..... 41 dollars
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43 dollars.

(No. 2.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 216.]

Octob^r 24^th 1776.

The Subscriber according to orders of the Committee went out in order to warn the men belonging to our Company, that stad behind about half a mile from my house. I saw upwards of thirty men on a march well armed and Cutered, which men are livers in Ranssellar's Wicke Cheaf thereof belonging to our Rigment it publicly said they intend to march to the Hallebargh where it is said there was 400 men in a boddy yesterday well armed. It is said that there Club increases every day.

As witness my Hand,

THOMAS ESMAY, *Sergeant.*

On the back of the paper are the following names: John Read, a Ringleader, Jacobus Hoghtaling, Johannes Seeger, Jeremiah Pemberton, Adam Seeger, John Commins, Jellis Creeble, John Wedayman, Frederick Oliver, John Long, John Vandenburgh.

(No. 3.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 220.]

KING'S DISTRICT, Oct 24^th 1776.

SIR: By several ways I am informed that your Board determine to send tho Torys that are now at Albany to Hartford, therefore I thought it duty to inform your Board of Some matters, as the appear within and Round our District that the unfriendly party have disregarded all orders relative to the call to march to fort Edward, that they have since been seen to Ride about in the night and some of their Houses with numbers in them late at night, that John Savage and Richard Power were at home since our Regiment marched and it is highly probable in my view and others that they determin to rescue the torys out of the hands of the guard unless it be a strong one, which I pray may be at least until they have passed through the land of the Moabites.

The friends to this State I got together as soon as I arriv^d and we determined at once to Inrole our selves and keep in large Companies without intermition until we can be better satisfied that we are in some degree secure from that abandoned set of persons that have and still are unwearied in their wicked machanations to Complict

our ruen. I hope sir you will at least send us such directions that will encorage and strengthen us as our situation is in my view distressing being kept in a constant danger of having our arms taken from us and what Elce they may have the boldness to do, God only knows. I am sensible the mode we have adopted is and will be attended with a great expense but as matters stand to the north ward and south ward I cannot conceive that we are safe among internal enemies unless Constantly under arms. I could wish for more of our Reg[t] to be at home if for the good of the whole or some Rangers to be on this side of the North River but submit the matter and remain Sir Your Obd[t] hum[ble] Serv[t] W. B. WHITING, *Chairman.*

To M[r] JOHN BARCLAY, Chairman, Albany.

Pray if there be any interesting news let me know.

(No. 4.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 224.]

ALBANY, 25[th] Oct 1776.

SIR: Your letter of yesterday directed to the Chairman of the Committee of Albany was delivered to us, we have ordered an Officer with fifteen men to go to your assistance, and w[d] at the same time have you raise those of the Militia, on whom you can rely, & call upon the nearest township in Massachusetts for such a number of men as will together with your own & the Rangers make up one hundred men, with these we hope you will be able to take up and Send the ringleaders to Fish Kill and disarm the rest. You will take care to see the men under your Command properly supplied with provisions agreeable to the Continental allowance, upon which they will be placed both with respect to pay & Rations, and give us the earliest inteligence of your motions, & as these Rangers are much wanted at this place you will be pleased to send them back as soon as they can safely be spared.

Your Hum: Serv[t]

To Col. W. B. WHITING, King's District. ROBERT YATES, *Ch[n]* &[c]

(No. 5.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 226.]

Flour Remaining at Ticonderoga and the Several Stages between that Place and Albany.

Oct 1[st] 1776.

At Ticonderoga,	1020	Barrels	
Lake George Landing,	360	"	
Fort George,	588	"	
Fort Edward,	230	"	
Still Water,	185	"	
		2383	
Already Purchased in & about Albany,		1441	
Received from M[r] Schanks,		546	
To be sent from Schenectady,		400	
S[t] Coix,		200	
To be purchased in Albany About,		700	
		5670 a 200 lbs per is	1134000
Supposed already Expended of the above,		350000	630000
20000 men Consume in Fourteen Days,		280000	
			504000

(No. 6.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 228, 382.]

ALBANY, October 25[th] 1776.

SIR: We met in Committee yesterday on the arrival of the Gentlemen appointed to arrange the Army from Saratoga. A number of important objects immediately engaged our attention, a capital one is the supplying the Army at Tionderoga and

the Militia marching to their assistance. The papers which we have the honor to transmit will shew the steps which have been taken by the Committee of this County to aid the Deputy Commissary General here, who without their exertions we fear would not have been able to procure the necessary supply, at the best it will on so sudden an occasion be a difficult task. It has added to our anxiety to learn, by a Letter from General Washington to M^r^ Livingston that the Army in that quarter was also in danger of being distressed for want of provisions. His Excellency entreats M^r^ Livingston to use his influence to send without delay flour & beef for that Army toward the White Plains, and also a number of teams, the more the better to aid in removing the Army as occasion may require. We submit it to your consideration whether if teams cannot now easily be procured from the eastward, it will not be advisable to order down a sufficient number belonging to such persons in the Manor Livingston, Kinderhook & Dutchess County as cannot be trusted with arms. If this plan should be adopted, every owner of a Carriage should be directed to supply himself with a weeks provisions to ease the Commissary as much as possible.

The spirit of disaffection has appeared at the Helleburgh King^s^ District and Coxackie in this County, and it requires vigorous measures to oppose and suppress it. Nothing is more necessary than that the Goals here should be cleared of the State prisoners without delay, and the more especially as all the Militia of this City and neighbourhood are marched. We have therefore advised the County Committee to send those prisoners with the causes of their confinement to Fish Kill by water in order to be forwarded to one of the neighbouring States, or disposed of as you shall judge most advisable. It would have been imprudent in every view to have marched them to another State at this Juncture where none but the disaffected remain in the Country and many of them are in arms and have threatened a rescue. We have found it necessary to detain a part of Coll Van Ness' Claverack Regiment consisting of about 140 men here to oppose the designs of the disaffected at the Helleburgh, as they are much wanted to the northward we did it with very great reluctance and indeed it could only have been justifiable on the most urgent necessity. It is much to be wished that Coll Van Rensselaer with parts or detachments of two regiments under his command could immediately be ordered up to King's District to which we have been able notwithstanding the importunity of the Inhabitants to send only a small detachment of 15 Rangers commanded by a Lieutenant, and to direct Coll Whiting to raise 100 men in that neighbourhood and the Massachusetts Government. A party of 50 of the Schoharry Regiment and some of the manor Regiment are detached to Coxackie, where they are employed in dispersing and seizing the disaffected who are now in arms, and there is yet no account of their progress. We have thought it advisable to direct the few armed and well affected militia of the manor of Livingston to be detained and kept in readiness for the internal service of the County: conceiving it unsafe when the spirit of revolt is so prevalent in that quarter to leave it defenseless. The information from King's District and the Helleburgh are enclosed. We are Sir Your most humble Servants

By Order, ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

To Peter R. Livingston, Esq^r^ President of the Convention of the State of New York.

(No. 7.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 228; Mis. Pap. 35: 253.]

Oct 25^th^ 1776.

John Vandenburgh of Neskithaw in the County of Albany being examined saith that his wife being ready to lie in he did not chuse to march with the Militia — that he went with about 20 to the Helleberg to consult what they had best to do, & took their arms with them to defend themselves if any should attempt to hurt them. Their first Meeting was last Monday at John Commonss. Howes proclamation was mentioned. Richard Radley had it at his house. John Commins said that those who thought the Congress were in the right should go & that those who thought the King was in the right should stay, but Commons said he did not know who was

right. At this meeting were present Commons, Adam Joachim & Christian Huyck & himself who met acidentally. He first went to Commons for a Pound of Butter & returned home to fetch his gun & then went to the Helleberg & consulted the people there, the Company being in all about 20. the Party they met there said that if the examinant & his Company would go, they would go, and he and his party agreed to go, and so they parted & each went home. That the examinant is a Whigg & thinks the Congress right. Hans Seeger said he could get Indians if he would go for them, but he would not. That they had been told that the rangers would come & pull down their houses & that they were determined to oppose them. That they heard that there were 400 Tories at Stighkook. He thinks the people he met are friends to the Country, but that they wont fight if they can help it, & so agreed at said meeting — that the reason for not fighting for the Country is, that they will not be against the King. the persons present at said meeting whose names he recollects are as follows: John Read, Jacobus Oliver, Adam Seeger, Joachim Jacob & Christian Huyck, Jacobus Long, John Commons, Jacob Breeds, Hans Seeger, Arent Wormer & Gerrit Bratt. Commons & Read advised him not to fight against the King for if he did he would be ruined & send away. Read told him this yesterday, Commons a month ago. That they were to meet in three parties this morning to defend themselves against any troops which should attack them, One party at the Helleberg, another at the Normans Kill and the other at Niscuthaw near Albert Bratts. About 30 in each party to be commanded by John Commons & Arent Wormer. if one party should be attacked they were to give notice to the others and then all were to join. they were to come from the Helleberg, Niscuthaw and the Normans Kill. that he has heard them say that if the Kings troops should come into the Country they would join them. Being further examined he says that the party to be commanded by Arent Wormer is to be at Niscuthaw near the house of Stopplebeen. that the second Party are to be at Normans Kill but he does not know the place or Commander. the third party to be at the Hellebergh under the command of Alburtus Van Alstyne. Upon further recollection he says Commons is to Command the party at the Normans Kill. that all the whole party kept up a correspondence with them at Coxsackie & they were to inform each other of what passed — that there were people Yesterday from Stighcook when this agreement was made. that they were to stand upon their defense till the Kings troops came. Hans Seeger said he could get Indians at Schoharie to join them & if it came upon a pinch he would go for them. That he believes the said several parties are now together & it was agreed that every man should find his own Provisions.

(No. 8.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 232.]

Sir: We are much surprised that no information of your motions has yet been given to the Committee. In order to obtain it we have sent this Express whom wo wish you to return back with some intelligence as soon as possible. We have accounts about 90 Tories having collected at the Hellebergh, and its neighborhood. If you can safely spare any part of your force we would be glad if you could send the Schoary Company and the Rangers that way as soon as possible by the most direct rout. We shall send a party from here to meet them.

I am Sir,

Albany, 26th Oct. 1776. ROBERT YATES, *Chairman &c*

To Capt John Bradt.

(No. 9.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 234.]

To Major Ford.

This Committee having received undoubted information that a number of disaffected persons are collected in different Parties in and about the Hellebergh Normanskill & Neskadha & Beaver Dam — with an evident design by force of arms to oppose the measures pursued for the preservation of the liberties of America.

Order you immediately to collect & take under your command 80 men detatched from Coll Van Ness Regiment, one Company of Continental Troops under the Command of Captn Hicks & Captain Baldwin's Company of Rangers & having paraded & seen them properly Equipped and provided you are to march them to Conradt Lukes or Tunis Slingerlands where you shall refresh your men till near day break when you shall again march from thence to the Helleberg, and endeavor to take & disperse the disaffected who have been or are now assembled in arms. or in general all others between the age of 50 & 16 who can give no good reason for their not having marched with the rest of the Militia agreeable to order. If they should not be at that place you are to follow them to the Normans Kill, Neskadha, the Beaver Dam or wherever else they may be assembled, advising on this head with your guides. You are always to march with good intelligent Scouts a head and flanking Parties to prevent surprise or being discovered by persons lurking in the Woods for that purpose, and to detain all those who you may expect design to give intelligence of your motions. You are to be particularly careful that the men under your command do not plunder or maltreat the Inhabitants of the Country whatever may be their political character.

You will be attentive to secure those persons whose names you are furnished with.

You are to send daily intelligence of your motions to the Committee of Albany in order that you may be reinforced if necessary, or supplied with provisions if your stay should be longer than is at present expected.

26th Oct. 1776 (per indorsement.) ROBT YATES, *Chairman &c*

(No. 10.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 236.]

Saratoga, Oct 26, 1776.

Gentlemen: I am Honored with your favor of the 24th Instant. The affidavits transmitted me would Countenance the supposition that the Enemy intend an Inruption on the Mohawks river but I can hardly imagine they will attempt it until they have met with success at Tionderoga which I both hope and believe they will not have. I did not however like to move Daytons Corps from the Western Quarter, but was pressed to do it in such terms, by Genl Gates, that I could not prudently refuse it. Least however an accident should happen I would advice that Colo Van Ness with his Regiment, should, on his return from Coaxsackie, march to Schenectady or such place where he can be of most service in case of an attack,—Our Scouts from Johnstown, Fort George & Fort Edward all agree that there is not the least appearance of an Enemy in the North-West Quarter. Inclose you copys of letters from Genl Gates & Genl Arnold. I have had a Copious Eruption since you were here, it is going off, and find myself in much better Health.

I am, Gentlemen, with very friendly wishes & with the greatest Esteem, your Most Obdt Humble Servant PH: SCHUYLER.

The Committee of Convention, Albany.

(No. 11.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 240.]

Ticonderoga, 24th Octr 1776.

Dear General: Your letters of the 14th 17th & 18th Instant are received in course and now before me.—The Ammunition arrived safe and in as good order as could be wished.—A most seasonable supply, I assure you—Not any of the Militia are yet come in. I hear of Numbers being upon their March, and I shall advise you as they arrive,—Colo Daytons are not yet on this side the Lake, I expect them every Day —Our Communications are free and unmolested; and the Eastern Post and Travellers are continually coming to Mount Independence by Otter Creek and the Roads that lead from thence, no scouts of the enemy appearing to disturb them. Cattle are pretty plenty upon the ground as you will see by Mr Yauncys Return inclosed. If you order Cattle to be killed at Lake George, you had better direct them to be

salted down in Barrels, and sent over the Lake in that way for it arrives in a wretched condition when sent in Quarters fresh—I shall be careful to have batteaus and Vessels enough at Skenesborough to bring all the provissions you send there,—Flour seems, to me, more in request than meat. You may be assured we are doing everything our Judgment can direct or our Industry accomplish, for receiving the Enemy properly—Spades which I have so long & so often sent for are so much wanted that even one single Hundred would be most welcome. General Carlton keeps very close at Crown Point, his Navy at Anchor upon his Flanks. I have scouts continually down both sides of the Lake.—I apprehend by this time his Force is all collected and expect that this stillness will be immediately succeeded by a Grand Attack, Heaven grant he may be defeated! The Army here are in good spirits, and think only of Victory. Ten penny, Eight penny & Shingle nails are exceedingly wanted—and where are the one or two thousand Bushels of Turnips & potatoes you was to send here, They would be of the utmost benefit to the Army—If you can send a good parcel of Nail Rods, our Smiths can assist in making Nails.

I am D^r General your affectionate humble Servant,

HORATIO GATES.

The Hon^ble M. General Schuyler.

(No. 12.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 378.]

Ticonderoga, 24^th October 1776.

Dear General: Your kind favor of the 17^th I received four days since, I am greatly obliged for the friendship you Express on my safety, and having escaped the Enemy.

I am extremely glad to hear the militia are coming to our assistance. I believe the Enemy from the best accounts we can collect, are endeavouring to Fortify Crown Point. I am afraid we shall not be able to Detain a sufficient garrison for this place from the Troops now here. A Boom will be laid across the lake This day, and a bridge to-morrow from Ty. to Mount Independence, we cannot ascertain the strength of the Enemy—in a few days we shall be ready to make a tryal of their force, if they think proper to attack us. I have only time to add my most Respectfull compliments, and that I am with every friendly wish Dear General Your Affectionate and obed^t humble Servant, B. ARNOLD.

The Honorable Major General Schuyler.

(No. 13.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 244.]

Head Quarters, Valentines Hill, 22^d Oct. 1776.

D^r Sir: We are so constantly upon the move that I am obliged to write when I can find an opportunity. We shall take up our Lodgings at White plains this Evening—which the General intends to make his Head Quarters for the pres^t.

The Enemy are endeavouring still to out flank us, and we are moving rather a head of them. Early yesterday morning an advanced party Consisting of Rodgers's Rangers took possession of Mamaroneck, which our Militia abandoned with the utmost precipitation,—As usual. The General rode up to White plains to take a view of the Country; and hearing of this party laid a plan to cut them off. He accordingly detached Major Green of Virginia with 150 men from the 1^st & 3^d Virginia Regiments, & Colo Haslett of Delaware with 600 men to support them. They attacked Rogers about day break, put the party to flight, bro't in 36 prisoners, 60 arms, and a good many Blanketts, and had not the Guides undertook to Alter the first Disposition, Major Rogers & his party of about 400 would in all probability have fallen into our hands. We dont know how many we killed but an officer says he counted 25 in one Orchard. We had 12 wounded, among them Major Green & Capt^n Pope, the former in the shoulder, the latter slightly. We had removed all our stores from Mamoreck except some Onions, so that I think they have made a loosing voyage.

White Plains } 23d I wrote the above yesterday, we just this moment hear that the Enemy have engaged Genl Lee's Division, we have sent down for the particulars, which you shall have to-morrow. Yrs TENCH TILGHMAN.

Fish Kill, Octr 24th 10 oClock at night.

Gentlemen: While the Rider is sent for and preparing, I have copied Mr Tilghmans letter, received past nine o'Clock—excuse the Copy—'tis made in Haste, a Letter of Colo Nicoll recd this Evening confirms the Report that three Fellows taken in arms, are condemned and were to be hanged yesterday. The sentence was delivered by Lord Stirling as Presdt of the Court. I first heard they were part of a small boddy of Tories, who fired on some of our Troops, and have since heard they were deserters taken in arms.

I have the honor to be with great respect, Gentlemen, Your Most Obdt Servt

JOHN McKESSON.

To General Ten Broeck, James Duane, Robert R. Livingston, Jacob Cuyler, John Ten Broeck, Robert Yates, William Harper & —— Paris, Esquires &c cc &c Albany.

(No. 14.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 386.]

Albany, 27th Octr 1776.

Sir: We were this day favoured with a letter from Mr McKesson enclosing a Letter from Mr Tilghman, we are extremely anxious to hear the event of the battle with General Lee, we could wish that the Committee of Correspondence would establish Expresses to this place, as good news published by Authority would have a very happy effect on our Army and people.

Enclosed you have copies of Letters Just received from Generals Schuyler, Gates & Arnold which contain our latest intelligence from the Northern Army, we have the honor to be Sir Your Most Obt Hum: Servt

By Order, ROBERT YATES, *Chairman.*

To Honble Peter R. Livingston, Esq President of the Convention of New York, Fish Kill.

(No. 15.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 250.]

Saratoga, Oct. 27th 1776.

Gentlemen: Yesterday I received a letter from Capt. Allen, and this morning another from General Herkimer, both of which I inclose you.

I think it absolutely necessary that a body of Troops should be immediately sent to the Mohawk's River. I have ordered Colo Dayton with his Regiment, which is at Canistigheuna or Half Moon, to halt until they should hear from you,—If you can send such a Boddy of Militia into Tryon County, as will in all probability secure that part of the Country, I then wish you to send orders to Colo Dayton to prosecute his March to Tyonderoga where he may be much wanted, if not you will please to order him back to that County.

He has my orders to obey your directions.

I am Gentlemen Your Most Obedient Humble Servant,

PH: SCHUYLER.

Please to return the enclosed as I have no Copies.
Committee of Convention.

(No. 16.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 254.]

Conajohary, 25th October, 1776.

Honorable Sir: I have to acquaint your honor that last Saturday night Peter Ten Broeck of the fall kill, Hanyost Schuyler, Kachyaho Johnson with about Twelve others from the Klau Burragh, went off to our Enemies. I endeavoured to enquire for their Rout, and found out a very credible person, a wife of one of those Run away & Traitors, that they are gone to Oswego in hopes to meet the Enemy there. The same woman declared that the leaders of this Runaway party received

a letter from our Enemies, which mentions that within six days from the day of their escape the enemy would be assembled in Oswego. Sir John shall Command 600 Regulars, and Twenty two Nations of Indians having joined them, An Indian Squaw was the Express of the above mentioned letter, to the Conajohary Castle, and a Belt should have been sent from those Nations to Oneida, to invite them to join with those Threatenings, that if they would not agree to their proposal, they (the Oneidas) should depend upon, that they would be attacked first, and not a child's life would be then spared. This hostile Invasion, says the above mentioned woman, shall exist soon, and surely upon our Mohawk River.

The Circumstances of our present situation are so powerless that we are not able to resist such a force against us and have nothing to expect but to be Slaughtered and Drove off to the Enemy's Pleasure. I must therefore lay and recommend this to your honors discreet consideration. Begging that you would please to procure us an Expeditious Succour of Troops, to oppose such cruel enemies, and to stop and annihilate their fatal intentions, I must add that I apprehended already, that if we should not be assisted with a sufficient number of Troops, the Inhabitants or the Major part of them are inclined to lay down their arms before they would be so helpless Sacrificed.

It is really my opinion that now is the time to hinder the Enemy to invade the Country here, and to ravage the same. it would be a pity to let the true Patriots of this County in such a desolate condition, and therefore I dont doubt you will not delay with your needful assistance.

I flatter myself of your answer in a few lines by the Express. and am as always with great respect, Honorable Sir Your Obd^{t} Humble Serv^{t}.

NICHOLAS HERKIMER.

P. S. I understand also yesterday of Oneidas passing my house, to go hunting that most all the Oneidas have gone at present to hunt, and but a few Chiefs left in the Castle.

To his Excellency Major General Philip Schuyler, Fort Edward.

(No. 17.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 257.]

Fort Dayton, Oct. 21, 1776.

May it Please Your Excellency: Coll Elmer having gone with the Chief part of his Regiment up to Fort Schuyler, agreeable to your Excelleney's Order he left me to command at this Post till the return of Major Cochran. I thought proper to inform your Excellency of the present circumstances of our affairs agreeable to my instructions, Viz —

On hearing some news to our disadvantage from Lake Champlain we are credibly informed that there was a consultation held at Canajoharie Castle among the Indians, and several Tories since which several of said Tories have (as is generally believed) absconded to join the enemy, Viz — one Hanjoost Schuyler a Sergeant in one of our Ranger Companies, Hanjoost Harkaman, son in law of the old widow Harkamer and several others who were reputed to be disaffected persons. There are likewise since said consultation, passing along upwards a considerable number of Indians as tho to leive the place, Endeavouring as they pass to get clear of their paper money. upon the whole as such multitudes of Tories &^{c} have gone from this part it is not altogether unlikely that if our Northern Army should be unsuccessful we may soon have an Invasion here. Or if not yet since it is our part to be in Readiness, I would inform your Excellency that we have not more than 12 lb of Powder, and a few Cartridges, which in case of necessity would be short allowance for 123 Effective Men, which is the number of this Detachment including Capt: Eisinlord's Company to which I trust your Excellency will pay due attention and forward a sufficient quantity of Ammunition as soon as may be. There are likewise Four Swivel Guns in this Fort, for which if we had proper Ammunition they might be of use in case of an attack.

I have the honor of being your Excellency's Humble Serv^{t}

To General Schuyler. LATHROP ALLEN, *Capt.*

(No. 18.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 258.]

ALBANY, Oct 28th 1776.

SIR: We recd your favor of the 27th Instant last night and have agreed to the Resolutions, which we have the honor to enclose. The night before last we dispatched our detachment against the disaffected at the Helleburgh and its neighbourhood, which has been attended with the wished for success, as they dispersed without opposition and many of them are taken. Capt Bradt who was detached on a similar occasion to Coxackie writes us by Express, that he has successfully performed the service he was sent upon, & that he thinks the Coxacke & Cattskill Companies will be sufficient for any further Business in that Quarter. Indeed it appears to us that the Report of the disaffected there has been greatly Exagerated. Since the Committee of the district have thought fit to discharge even those who were apprehended as Tories, which however imprudent is at least a proof that they are not thought Dangerous. These vigorous measures having so happily suppressed domestic Insurrections, will put it in our power to detail the Troops (which with the force already on the Western frontier) are particularly specified in our Resolution. You Sir are the best Judge of their competency & it must therefore be submitted to your determination whether Colo Dayton's Regt shall be sent forward to Ticonderoga or be commanded to their former station.

It appears to us of the utmost moment that an active and spirited officer should in the present conjuncture be invested with the Command of the Western frontier especially as the apprehensions of at least part of the Continental Troops as well as the Militia seem to be more alarmed than the Intelligence communicated to us can Justify. We are strangers to Coll Elmore; if his Military character is not sufficiently established we submit it to you whether Coll Dayton (in case his Regt should proceed to Ticonderoga) Coll Van Schaick's or some other officer of known Abilities ought not to be appointed for that important Department.

Such of the proposed detachment as consist of Militia will march without delay. The two Companies of Continental Troops not being under our directions must attend your orders. If this arrangement meets with your approbation, Captain Lush's Company of Team guards: 70 of Coll Van Ness' Regiment, under his command, besides the Canadian will remain for town duty. We are &c

To Gen. SCHUYLER. ROBERT YATES, *Chairman*, &c

(No. 19.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 262, 333.]

GENTLEMEN: Agreeable to orders we have arrived at the Hillebarrack and there we have taken several prisners amongst whom is John Reid, Pendleton and others 7 in the whole cheafly under arms and well aquipped with arms and ammunition, we had certain Intelligence as we tho't that there was about 3 Hundred in a Certain Place well Fortified, we compelled a pilot & formed ourselves in the best manner and marched up to give them Battle in high spirits and came to the place and found it destitute of men which discouraged us greatly, & from we sent out different Scouts & they bring in men pretty fast that they find under arms, this instant we have got new pilots that I hope will help us and by the intelligence that I have got I think that we must stay 2 or 3 days longer and all our men are allmost out of provision being up night and day takes more provision, we must have provision sent to us for our suppers to-morrow night or go without. Some of our men are now ought of Provision and it is difficult to get any hear. I think we shall want two days provisions for our men, 82 men in our Regiment & 52 in Captain Hicks Company, I desire that we may be favored with salt provisions for fresh does not agree with our people. Gentlemen I would be glad to be favored with a letter from you and such instructions as you shall think proper.

I am Gentlemen your very humble Servant

Dated Oct 27th Sunday Evening. JACOB FORD.

Our place of Rendezvous at present is at Oliver Bront at the Helleborough.

To the Committee.

(A.)

A List of Persons Taken By Orders of the Committee of Albany.

These taken under arms.

John Reid,
John Long,
Garrit Slingerlan,
Waughter Slingerlan,
Minord Bradt,
John Sager,
Jeremiah Pembleton,
1776 (per Indorsement.)

Jacob Hallenbek, This man I thoᵗ proper to send hom finding no sufficient Proof against him but thoᵗ Proper to Retain his armen.

Garret Sagor,

Matthias Houghtalin, afterward Released but his Armes Retained.

(No. 20.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 264.]

Lunenburgh, 27th October 1776.

Sir: I received your favor of yesterdays date, and note the contents. In compliance with my orders, have continually ranged the Woods with my Company and have taken several Tories, who I delivered over from time to time to the Committee here, who it seems for reasons known to themselves have discharged them.

The Schoharry Company proceeds immediately with me and my Company for the Helleburgh, the shortest way agreeable to your directions. I have ordered the Cogsackie Company together with Capt Whitbeck's Company to attend the orders of the Committee now met at this place, which I deem sufficient for any business here, consequently my presence unnecessary.

I am Sir Your Humble Servt.

To Robert Yates, Esq. JOHN A. BRADT.

(No. 21.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 268.]

Sir: We are much pleased with your activity and spirit, we have sent up provisions as you request for all but the Rangers who find themselves. As business increases on our hands we must beg you to return as soon as ever your task is despatched which we hope will be very shortly. We enclose a letter to Capt Bradt which we must request you immediately to send him, wherever he may be.

I am &ᶜ By Order &ᶜ

Albany 28th Oct 1776. R. YATES, *Ch*ᵐ

To Major Ford.

(No. 22.)

Sir: We are happy to hear the favorable account you give us from Cocksacky. As we find your Company & the Schoharry detachment will be unnecessary at the Helleburgh where the Insurgents are already dispersed, we must request you to return with them immediately to this place & are &ᶜ By Order &ᶜ

Albany, 28th Oct. 1776. R. YATES, *Ch*ᵐ

Capt Bradt.

(No. 23.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 270.]

Mr Direk Swart gives information that passing thro' Bennington on wednesday last one of the Committee of that place told him that two letters had been received one from Mr Trumbull the Commissary General & another from Mr Trumbull Deputy adjutant General at Ticonderoga, the first of which mentioned that some evil minded people in & about Albany had stopped the provisions from going up to Ticonderoga, and that they had orders to purchase the Wheat & send it to the Mills & to send up the Flour at any expense even if it should be on Pack Horses, That Wheat was accordingly purchased at 5s 6d. lawful. That on hearing this Report some of the Militia who were going up were much enraged and wished Albany in flames. That

their Express who brought the Letters was a person who used to attend the Store at Ticonderoga with Mr Avery. That the Examinent was invited to have the letters read but declined it.

1776 (per Indorsement.)

(No. 24.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 274, 276.]

John Read says that he lives about four miles from the city of Albany, That he came over to this country last war with Lord Howe's Regiment; (that he has lived before at Claverack;) that he has served as a soldier for some years in that regiment. That on the morning when he was apprehended he was alarmed by his wife who told him that the Rangers were coming. That he jumped out of Bed and with his shoes in his hand in order to escape—that he was afterwards taken in the woods—That at the time he left his House, there was no other Person in his House except his wife and children; that there was no other person then in his House.

An Examination taken on a Solemn promice not to reveal his name.

John Long of Nicadha on Examination says, That Dirik Becker is his Militia Captain & being warned to go up to Fort Edward, That he was ready to go and prepared himself accordingly—but on his way he was dissuaded from proceeding by Fredrick Oliver, Philip Luke a Son of John Luke, who were the principal persons who dissuaded him saying, that they would not go to be slaughtered by the Regulars who would have this Country in a months time. That thereupon he repaired to Arent Wormers where there were about 100 who agreed not to go up, not to injure any person. But if the Rangers or Militia of Albany came amongst them and injured them they would resist them. First that they then agreed to keep sentrys on the roads, and that they should notice each other upon any alarm. That besides the above persons, Fredrick Wormer, Fredrick Cranele, John Commons. That the views of these people, when assembled, was to hold out until the Regulars should come, and then they would join them. That Arent Wormer was to direct one of the parties, Bat Hallenbeck another, & Fredrick Oliver the third party.

Novr 1st 1776. The further Examination of John Long, who says that there was present at Arent Wormers in the above Company, George Swan, Peter Classe, Peter Bradt, Staats Bradt, Wouter & Gerrit Slingerlands, Storm Bradt, Myndert Bradt, Gerrit Bradt, John Commons, a principal, Jacobus Oliver, Jacob Ball, a Captain of the Beaver Dam, which latter he has heard to declare he would go up at all. Henry Waerner, Jacobus Hoghteeling, Johannes Seeger, Adam Seeger, Jellis Creeble, John Wederman, Myndert Bradt.

(No. 25.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 278.]

Saratoga, October 29th 1776.

Gentlemen: I am honored with your favor of yesterdays Date—As I found that the Militia moved with the greatest reluctance from Fort Edward, I resolved to let Colonel Dayton prosecute his march to Tionderoga and to let about 400 of the Militia from Fort Edward march into Tryon County, and gave orders accordingly early yesterday morning. Colo: Dayton has already passed this and I momently expect the Militia here.

Altho' I am quite in Sentiment with you, on B. Hustons information, yet it is very possible that General Carlton may detach or has already detached a part of his Force, (especially his Indians, Tories, & Canadians who would be of very little service in an attack on our Lines) to the Mohawk River. I shall therefore order the Militia whom I expect from Fort Edward, to proceed without delay to Tryon County, and to put themselves under the Command of General Herkimer, or Colo. Van Schaick whom I have ordered into that Quarter, and referred to you for Instructions.

I do not apprehend that an attack will be made by the way of Fort Stanwix, and as the Garrison at that place is sufficiently numerous, I would not advise the sending of any more Men there. I do not think it would be proper to strip the City

altogether of Troops and you will therefore please to cause some of the Militia to remain, and desire Colo: Van Schaick to take the two companies of his Regiment up with him.

I am Gentlemen Respectfully Your most Obd^{t} Humb Servant,

PH: SCHUYLER.

Committee of Convention.

(No. 26.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 283.]

Sir: Gen^{l} Schuyler enclosed us a letter from you containing your reasons for believing that the Enemy proposed making an Irruption into your County. We cannot help thinking that the information comes thro' a very suspicious Channel, however it is possible they may send small scalping parties, a great force cannot come at this season, & as for the 22 Nations of Indians it is too improbable to deserve the least credit.

At the time when the Militia are all called out for the defence of their Country invaded on the North & South, we cannot help expressing our surprise that the Militia of a County which has hitherto been respected for its zeal and spirit, sh^{d} entertain the most distant Idea of submitting to their inveterate enemy & that too before they have seen or tried their force. We take the liberty to remind you that there is already in your County exclusive of your own Militia, Seven hundred and forty three men, which when Joined by the troops under your Command must we apprehend, be greatly superior to any force the enemy can send—however we send, you two companies of Continental troops under the Comm^{d} of Coll van Schaick, with whom we wish you to consult ab^{t} the proper disposition of the troops & also one company of rangers, and Gen^{l} Schuyler has ordered to your assistance about 400 men, the Militia there will cross from Fort Edward, these are sent in compliance with your wishes tho' we really think them unnecessary if the people of your county will exert any degree of that spirit which we have reason to expect of men animated by the glorious cause in which they are engaged. We doubt not sir that you will be careful to inspire them with proper sentiments on this subject.

It would be advisable for you to order 1000 of your Militia who will be rewarded for their Service, to be raised equipped and sent to their proper stations in which case they will be allowed continental pay & rations—Capt Hager with 50 men of the Schoary Militia are now sent home & have orders to hold themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning whenever you may think it necessary to call upon them—you will be careful to keep out scouts in every quarter who will be rewarded for their trouble.

We are Sir &^{c} By Order

R. YATES, *Ch*

Albany, Oc^{r} 30th 1776.

To General Herkimer.

(No. 27.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 284.]

Albany, 30th Oc^{r} 1776.

Sir: We are favoured with your Dispatches of the 28th & 29th Instant. From the uncertainty of the Western Intelligence added to the Importunity of General Gates, we do not see how you could well avoid sending Dayton's Regiment to the northward,—& yet if there should be an Irruption into Tryon County which is not altogether improbable, we shall find the want of a force that can be Depended upon to give them a vigourous opposition. May it not still be prudent to Détain Dayton's Regiment at Fort George so that they may be in readiness to proceed to Ticonderoga, or the Western Frontier, as the Progress of the Enemy may render necessary? Col. Van Schaick will march this day with the two companies of his Regiment, & Captain Bradt's Company of Rangers. Cap^{t} Hager who commands a Detachment of 50 of the Schoharie Militia we shall order to repair to Schoharie & to be in readiness to attend Col. Van Schaick's orders on a moments notice. We shall also direct General Herkimer to detatch 1000 of his best Militia for immediate service. Col. Van Es's Detatchment of about 140 men, we shall detain here under his Command

for Town Duty having Lieut Conger who is one of our recruiting Officers to assist & advise Col Van Ess in the conduct of his Department which may be necessary on account of his inexperience in the military Line. The Detatchment is returned from the Helleburgh, They found only a few people in arms seven of whom they have seized. The rest fled with precipitation. The Defection in that Quarter has as usual been much exagerated: tho' we are satisfied that some designing knaves among them have endeavored to sow the seeds of a Revolt. The majority are ignorant & deluded, & will readily return to their Duty, on forgiveness of their past misconduct.

We learn from Major Fonda that one Hendrick Hoff who pretends to be a Deserter from General Carltons army is returned to Tryon County as he says by way of the Split rock on the west side of Lake Champlain. Major Fonda is of opinion that it is practicable for the Army to penetrate the Western Frontier by that Route. He adds that from the Expressions & Conduct of the Tories in Tryon County it is evident they expect a sudden Irruption of the Enemy headed by Sir John Johnson. You will give such weight to these hints as you think they deserve.

We have nothing before us which can authorize our longer continuance at this place, especially as our assistance is much wanted in Convention; & the Military arrangement which is so essential must be delayed till our return to Fish Kill. We propose therefore to start for that place in the morning. We are &c By Order,

To General Schuyler. R. YATES, *Ch*

(No. 28.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 288.]

Saratoga, October 30th 1776 7 o'Clock P. M.

Gentlemen: I am this moment favored with yours of this Date. An hour ago Colonel Ogden arrived from Tyconderoga which he left on Monday. he brings intelligence that there are not above two hundred Tents at Crown Point.—General Carlton has consequently only a very small part of his Army there—This Circumstance, the Information of Hoff, and the Movement of the Tories in this Quarter give me great reason to suspect that the Enemy intend to penetrate by the Mohawk River, or to throw themselves on some part of the Communication between this & Fort George.—In this situation it is extremely difficult to determine what Measures are most Eligible to take—I shall however venture on sending down part of the Militia, Dayton being already near Skenesborough, and his men extremely averse to return to Tryon County.—I must entreat you Gentlemen not to think of leaving Albany at this very critical juncture—I enclose you letters for Colo Van Schaick and Major Cochran which I beg you will seal and immediately forward to them by Express, and if you please, convey similar Orders to Brigadier General Herkimer. I shall dispatch an Express to General Gates to request him to send a Scout forty or fifty miles to the Westward, and if he finds that any body of the Enemy have Marched towards the Mohawk River, then instantly to Detach three Regiments at least to that Quarter, or more according to the number of the Enemy, that may have taken that Rout. Similar orders will be sent to Gen^{l} Ten Broeck & Colonel Gansevoort. Thus we shall have the most early Intelligence of the Enemy's Movements and be enabled to take proper measures to defeat their purposes.

I am Most Respectfully Gentlemen Your Ob^{t} Hum^{e} Servant,

PH: SCHUYLER.

The Committee of Convention at Albany.

(No. 29.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 292.]

Oct^{r} 29th 1776.

Gentlemen: Part of the number of men spacified in your Letter are ready; hope to be able to Raise the whole soon. the Rangers are Repetedly sent out in small Parties But no discoverys of importance until this Day which is Comprehended in the information sent By Major Buck to whome I shall Refar you for Particulars & Remain Gent^{n} your most obediant serv^{t} W. B. WHITING.

N. B. in Regard to arms if it be Possable Let us have some Releaf as we at home are very Needy, also Powder and Lead.

To Robert Yates Esq. Chairman of a SubCommittee from the State of New York Now sitting at Albany.

Information of Stephen Ketchen.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 349.]

Oct^{r} 29th 1776.

The Information of Stephen Ketchen, who saith that on Friday last he saw one Simeon Warner, and after Common Complyments, Said to this Informer I suppose I may say anything. upon which this Informer Replyed you may. then said Warner, last night I saw Barret Dyre in New Britton, and said Warner said, it was orders from an Officer above for the tories to form Themselfs into a Body. for they expected when our Ermy got Defeated at the northward, the wigs would destroy all the tories they could find, and that the tories where to imbody for Defence. this Informer further says he was with the said Warner yesterday and told the Said Warner he came on Purpose to see him, and wanted to know if there was any way to Escape to the Kings Army to which the said Warner Replyed there was no other to Escape but to go over the North river and so go round our Ermy. this informer asked the said Warner if Barret Dyer had been to the King's Army and he said he had not. That the said Dyer lived some time in New Britton, and sometimes north of that place with Pallmatire. the said Warner told this Informer that they (the tories) had but a few guns now, but that Dyer told him they expected some up the North river. this Informer asked the said Warner, if he could go to Dyre, he said he thought not for he changed his head quarters often. the said Warner told this Informer that Pallmatier was with Dyre the day before he saw Dyre. this Informer asked Warner how Dyre and the rest of the tories lived. he said about and amongst the rest of their friends. this Informer says Warner further told him that Dyre informed him how he got away from Richmond. that he Dyre kept in the Woods there till Day light, then came a Cross the Mountains, and by Captain Baldwins and to one good fellows (who is a Corporal in the Grenadier Company) and when he the said Dyre got to good fellows he whistled and good fellows came to him. the said Warner told this Informer that John Savage had with him about five hundred men, and that they had Disarmed one Coll^{o} of the Militia, and taken some guns and other warlike stores from him. the said Warner told this Informer that there had been a Post Ridder keept from Army to Army Viz the Kings Armies but lately had been broke up. the said Warner told this Informer that there was no orders. Particular now for the tories from the Kings Army. But as soon as our head quarters where smash^{d} the tories then would have orders what to do. this informer asked the said Warner what the tories would do as to guns. we the tories will have all them in the district. for he look^{d} up it there was tories enough in this Government to manage what wigs there was in the same. the said Warner told this Informer the tories had orders to March in this Alarm to the nortward in the name of Congress men and to draw Provisions until they got to Fort George, and then take Possession of the same and keep it. the said Warner further said that there would be tories enough going to the Kings Army, If the Militia came back, for that would be there Orders. If any torie was going to be Carryed off only let him know of It, and there should not a man be carried off, for they would be resqued. and further this Informer saith that Warner told this Informer If he would come on the hill and Wisstull he would show the Informer People that knew better where Dyre was than he did. the said Warner told this Informer that John Brigs & —— wait that lived with Brigs, was good friends, and that Joseph Chapman could go throu the woods, meaning as this Informer supposes to the Kings Army.

Signed, STEPHEN KETCHEN.

Sworn before John Beebe, Chairman of the Committee of Kings District in Albany County.

Information of Augustus Odell.

[Mil. Commit. 25 : 342.]

The Information of Augustus Odell who saith that this morning about ten o'Clock he was in the woods about Ten miles south east of Albany he came across one showers, who ask'd which way this Informant was travelling, who answered he could hardly tell, but by Dropping a few words of Tory Talk, this informant soon discovered said showers to be a tory, then told said showers he wanted to get with John Savage. Said showers said John Savage was gone, that he went away day before yesterday with two men with him to the northward to join the regulars, determining To Keep the west side of the River at Fort Edward. Then this Informant asked for one Palmeteer. S^{d} Showers said Palmeteer went yesterday the same way, then this Informer ask'd if there was any more men, that he could find. Said Showers said, he had been with one of his neighbours last night and the day back Just before day, and he took his shoes in his hand and run out into the woods and Stood Still and Perceived there was a number of men, but did not know how many that was under Arms, and perceived they was Rangers, but told this informant if he would go with him, to a house they could know, for they were strong torys, then this Informer went with said Showers to the house where he Showers was to ask, and he began to talk with the woman in Dutch & this Informer heard the woman say fifty, then said Showers turns to this Informer, and saith there is fifty men, and this informer thinks he Showers said they had been at old Michelses the last night, and was now collecting together to go off to the Enemy, and intended to go over Albany Ferry, under pretence to Join our Troops, but intended to Keep the west side of the River, and expected to have friends to help them, and to meet Indians and French to Convey them to the Regulars, and in order that the French may know them to be torys, they were to club their muskets. Also this informer saith that S^{d} Showers said Palmeteer was chosen Captain, and S^{d} Showers L^{t} but he refused because he did not like palmeteer's plan, for he had got a Roll of the mens names, and Showers ask'd said Palmeteer what he would do with it if he was taken, said Palmeteer said he would roll it up and make a wad of it and put it into his gun, also John Boys was chosen 1st L^{t}. The second L^{t} This informant has forgot his name, and a number that did not join the Militia was in this Company, and This Informant saith to the best of his Remembrance two of Burnham's sons and two of Hagerman's sons was in the Company, also this Informer saith S^{d} Showers said he was appointed Lieut over seven or eight men that tarry behind and told this informer if he would stay with him he should be secreted and did not know how soon he should march to Join the Regulars.

The above said Palmeteer march'd before his company to prepare the way for them.

AUGUSTUS ODELL.

Sworn before John Beebe, Chairman of the Committee of King's District, 29th October, 1776.

(No. 30.)

[Mil. Commit. 25 : 296.]

The Deposition of Isaac Peabody and Samuel Allen of lawful age—

Who depose and say that on the 12th Instant they called at the house of Seth Chase of little White Creek, and hearing some words dropped, which induced them to believe the said Seth an Enemy to the Country, they feigned themselves to be of the same Sentiments, the said Seth and other Persons there then asked these Deponents, from whence they came; and upon answering that they came from Kinderhook, they said they had often heard that all the Inhabitants there were Tories; then Deponents thereupon said, that the word Tories was more properly applicable to their accusers, than to themselves—the said Seth and the Persons at his House said that they were of the same opinion—these Deponents then asked them, if they had not seen or heard of any friends to Government, that had fled from persecution at Kinderhook or thereabouts, they answered they had not—they then said, that one of their Committee had lately been to them, with the Association, & requested them

to sign; which they refused to do, as they did not choose to sign any Promise of what they did not intend to perform; That the above Discourse passed in the House of the Said Seth Chase, these Deponents then rode off; and after going some Distance from the House, were called back by a person whose name they afterwards Discovered to be Hough, and who had been in Company with them at the Tavern before they left it—these Deponents then rode Back, and Hough informed, that after they left the House, he told the Landlord that they these Deponents were friends to Government, and strangers in the Place, & he thought they had better call them back,—whereupon he had called to these the Deponents to return; he then invited these Deponents to return to the House, and Lodge there, and if they were willing, they might be there secreted; which offer these Deponents Declined—these Deponents then asked if their Kinderhook Friends would get thro' Northward to Burgoynes Army; Hough said no; but that there was a much safer way to make their Escape; for that there was 80 men from Arlington and Sunderland, that were to march the next Night; and there were two of the King's Armies Coming down, Burgoyne was coming around the Lake, and Sir John Johnston was to come down the Mohawk River, with the other Army; and that the best way for your Kinderhook Tories, was to Join that Party, and they would meet the Kings Army in three Days, and be Safe and out of Danger, these Deponents then Desirid him if he had an opportunity, to give our Kinderhook friends this information, which he promised he would, whereon we bid him good night and rid to one Samuel Hodges where we put up for ye night and upon Consideration of what had passed we agreed that it was best that one of us the next morning should go back to Chases and the other go and acquaint Cambridge Committee of what had passed where upon next morning we took our different way & aforesaid deponents further said that the s^{d} Esq^{r} Hough said they are all friends about, we have got good friends in our Committee had they not been as Cunning as the divel we should have been torn to pieces before now for the people down towards Cambridge are as fiers as the divil and we would not have you go there for you will be surely taken; he further s^{d} I did not mean to take up arms or fought on either side, but I have been so harrassed that I have determined that I will go off with the party to Burgoin and in a few days turn and let them know what or who I am and that great part of the Neighbourhood was going too. that there was a number of us met at this place Seth Chases a night or two ago 't being a place of rendevous it being a dark rainy night, we said we believed you had an Entertaining opportunity he said they Talked and Coversed Two & Two.

ISAAC PABODY,
SAM^{L} ALLEN.

Bennington Oct^{r} 14th 1776.
A true Coppy, John Younglove, Chairman.

(No. 31.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 301.]

The Disposition of Capt. Isaac Pabody of Lawful age being duly sworn saith that on Sunday Morn^{g} the 13th instant he return^{d} to the house of Seth Chase in little White Creek. I asked M^{r} Chase if he had seen any of our Kinderhook Friends the night past. he answered no. I Told him wanted to see M^{r} Hughs the man we Discoursed with Last night in the Road. he then told me M^{r} Houghs told him the discourse he had with us, and that M^{r} Hough knew no more of the place then what he had Communicated to him. I asked him what he had for Certain that Burgoine and his Army were a Coming Round the Lakes. he answered me that Coll Man had sent a Page to Arlington, and he was at his house night before Last, on his Return to Coll Man; and told him that Coll Man's order to the people of Arlington was, to remain peasable and still, if their intentions were undiscovered, till further orders from him, for he found by intelligence from Burgoin, he would not get thro' his march so soon as expected; but if they were discovered to make the best of their way to him; the Page Further saith that the people of Arlington had made such preperations for their march that they could

not forego it, without being discovered; therefore would march to night; Mr Chase then said the people of White Creek are secure, they wont march till further orders from Coll Man. he likewise said that Coll Man had 12 fat oxen for the purpose of Victualling the friends of Government on their march to join the King's Army, and others had several more Cattle for the same purpose. I then asked him to direct me to a place, whereby our Kinderhook friends could get safe to the Kings Army. he then told me that Coll Man had gave Countersigns at two places and if these Countersigns could be conveyed to your friends they can pass safe, and get all intelligence necessary; he then spoke to his wife to bring him a paper on which she immediately came to us, and takes a paper out of her bosom, and gave it to her husband; & he hand it to me, saying now I give you my life. I took the paper and Read it to be this: at Landlord Northrup's the Countersign is Tryon, and Jacob Lansing ferry the Countersign is Burgoin. I told him for fear I should make a mistake in the Countersigns I would write them down—then wrote them down, he then said that upon giving these Countersigns out at these two places we could be secreted, have provision or helpd on our way, or anything we desired to forward us. he further said that Simon Covill was a great friend to Government, and that I might not be afraid of him. he further said that his house was a place where Coll Man's Page came for Entertainment, and to bring news to the Friends of Government.

ISAAC PABODY.

Bennington, Octr 14th 1776.
John Younglove, Chairman.

The said Isaac Paybody upon recollecting further, said, that the above sd Seth Chase told him that Coll Man had given Orders, that in the day time to keep the Woods, and in the night to come upon the Roads, to March 20 in a boddy, at the distance of one mile, one boddy from the other, and before and after each boddy of 20 men, one man should be placed at the distance of 10 Rods, and if any body was coming after them, the rear guard was to speak, loud enough for those before to hear, and the parties were then to skulk into the woods, and if any person were to meet them, the advanced Guard to act in like manner. ISAAC PABODY.

A true Coppy from the Original, examined and transmitted by Order of the Committee.

(No. 32.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 304.]

Albany, 31st Octobr 1776.

Sir: We were early this morning favoured with your Dispatches of the 30th Instant. From your last inteliegence, it may be conjectured that no attempt will be made on Ticonderoga, which strengthens the apprehension of an Incursion into our western Frontier.

In that case the Defenceless condition of those Frontiers will be lamented, and too probibly, by those who Judge only from Events, censured. An unexperienced militia, if suficiently numerous, cannot be relied upon, especially when their fears may be raised on account of the Indians. Under these Dificult Circumstances, increased by General Gates's importunity for Dayton's Regiment tho' all the Continental Troops (two Companies only excepted) were already at Ticonderoga and on the Communication, it is easy to account for your Embarrisment in which we participate. Peter Ten Broeck and the four other Disaffected persons who have lately gone over to the Enemy from Tryon County, were, we are informed, pursued by a party of the Oneidas, but these friendly Indians were given to understand by the Onandagoes that it was disagreeable to them, & that the Oneidas should suffer if they did not desist. We submit it, Sir, whether it will not be proper for you to send a spirited message to the Onandagoes thro Major Fonda, or in such other manner as you may Judge best, Complaining, and demanding satisfaction for this unprovoked Infraction of Treaty, & insisting peremptorilly to know whether they are to be considered as Enemies or friends that they may be treated accordingly. It will at least show a vigilant attention to their Conduct, and a Contempt of their

Enmity, and if it shoud not convert may intimidate and keep them in awe, not to mention the necessity of our being apprized of the terms we stand upon with a neighbour who, in proportion to the measures of our Deception, will be able to injure & Distress us.

We have Just received intelligence that a party of Tories from King's District & the South East part of Rensselaerwyck were cohorting together to Join the Enemy; that they Determine to cross the Ferry at this place, under the guise of Militia; but were to keep on the west side of the River; in Expectation of being supported by their Friends, & of meeting Indians, & Canadians, to conduct them to the Enemy, & that to distinguish them and theirs as Tories, they were to club their Firelocks; that one Palmeter was their Captain, Showers and John Begs their Lieutenants; that if they should be discovered, they were to make a wad of their muster roll and put it into the Barrel of their Captain's Gun. That Simon Warner, Baret Dyer, two Burnams & two Hagermans were among the Company; That Palmeter had marched before to prepare the way for them.

Another Examination affirms that the Tories had orders to march on this alarm to the Northward, as Congress men, & to draw provisions until they could get to Fort George; & then to take posession of, and keep it for the Enemy. We can give no opinion of the truth of this Intelligence, as it is evident that every account of this nature has been Greatly exaggerated; but it may be of use nevertheless, to put us on our guard.

Before your Letter came to hand Mr Robert Livingston had set off on his Return, & as that part of the Committee for arranging the Army which went to the Southward are got back to Fish Kill, we think ourselves under a Necessity of Joining them. Indeed considering the nature of our power, which cheifly respected the Militia who are all now in motion, we do not see that we can be of any essential service here.

We are sir with great respect Your most Obdt Humble Servt,

By order of the Committee of Convention of the State of New York.

R. YATES.

The Honble Major General Schuyler.

(No. 33.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 308.]

[Oct. 31, 1776.]

Sir: We received your favour of the —— Instant early this morning, not knowing the Extent of the Conspiracy of which you gave us information, nor whether you could raise and arm the Company we directed with sufficient Dispatch; we ordered Col: Van Renselaer with 150 of the Claverack Militia to march into King's District where you may soon expect to see him, as he is much wanted for an important service in this Quarter he must be detained no longer than the safety of the District & the Condition of the Disaffected renders absolutely necessary. After these vigorous measures which will convince our internal Enemies both of our vigilance and power, the Disaffected will no doubt be intimidated & dispersed and we think a guard of 40 or 50 men kept in constant motion will be sufficient for your protection.

Mr Bohr assures us so many can be armed we recommend it to you to embody them accordingly. Indeed even if it had been otherwise it is out of our Power at present to furnish Arms or accoutrements as you request.

Col. Whiting. By Order

R. YATES, *Chr &c*

(No. 34.) [1.]

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(No. 35.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 314.]

Fishkill, Octr the 29th 1776.

Sir: The Committee of Safety have received the letter of your Committee by Express, inclosing Minutes of the Committee of the County of Albany relative to the

Department of the Dep^{y} Com^{y} General; the Exertions which they have made to procure the necessary supply for the Northern Army, are highly Laudable, and deserve the warmest approbation of the Committee of Safety.

We have been loudly called upon by his Excellency Gen'l Washington to forward a supply of Flour for the use of the Army at the White Plains. We have devised all the means we can think of, to prevent the Army from suffering for the want of that Article; which you will see by our Resolutions—a copy of which we now transmit you. We are of Opinion that if a similar mode was adopted to the Northward, it would be productive of good Effects. We are informed that there are several Mills between Albany and Lake George which might be kept constantly employed in manufacturing Flour for the Northern Army, if the Com^{y} General would engage persons to purchase up Grain and to have it transported to the Mills most contiguous;—It would however be needless for us to enter into a particular Detail on this subject—Your Committee from being on the spot, are the best Judges of what further measures will be necessary for supplying that Army, and are invested with full powers for carrying into execution all such measures as you shall think effectual for repelling the Invasions of the Enemy on the Northern and Western Frontiers. Whilst we therefore in this Quarter exert ourselves in devising and executing whatever shall appear to us most conducive to the public safety, we trust that your attention and zeal will not be wanting in giving vigor to our Military operations to the Northward, and in quelling by such means as you shall deem most prudent the Insurrections of the Disaffected in that Part.

We highly approve of your having detained those Detachments of the Militia, which you mention, for that purpose, but it is not in our Power to order up the Detachment under the command of Col. Van Renselaer, as we have now in custody near two hundred and twenty dangerous and disaffected Persons whom we propose removing to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire. A Detachment of seventy-six persons of this stamp was sent off a few Days ago, and from the Information we have received from the Committee appointed by the Convention of this State for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America, we have reason to think that there will be a necessity of apprehending and removing several other Persons; You must therefore be sensible, that no Dependence can be put on this Quarter. Should you find it necessary to employ a further force, for the purpose of seizing and securing the Disaffected, we recommend it to you to endeavor to raise as many men in the Massachusetts Bay Government as you shall think necessary.

We transmit you a copy of the last Intelligence we have received from Head quarters. We flatter ourselves that our accounts from the Northward will be equally favorable.

I am, sir, with the greatest Respect, your and the Committee's most obedient and very humble servant, By order,

ROBERT YATES, Esq. PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, *V. Pres^{t}*

(No. 36.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 318.]

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
FISH KILL, Oct^{r} 29th 1776.

Whereas this Committee have been called upon by his Excellency General Washington (by a Letter from Tench Tilghman Esq^{r} dated the 26th instant) to exert themselves in devising all possible means for the expeditious supply of Flour for the American Army in the County of Westchester,

Resolved: that Henry Schenk Esq^{r} or such agents as he may think proper to employ, be empowered to purchase up Wheat for the use of the Continental Army, and that he cause the same to be manufactured into Flour and transported to the Landings most contiguous to the places where the same may be manufactured with the utmost Dispatch.

Resolved: that the names of all the Persons who shall refuse to part with their

wheat at a Reasonable Rate be forthwith returned to this Committee of Safety or to the Convention of this State in order that proper measures may be devised for preventing the Public Interest from being Sacrificed to the Perverseness, Disaffection, or Avarice of Individuals.

Resolved: that Henry Schenck Esq^{r} or the Agents by him employed in Purchasing Wheat, be authorized to empress Drivers, Waggons, Teams Ox carts or other Carriage, for the purpose of executing with the utmost Dispatch the Resolutions of this Committee.

Resolved, that all the Coopers in the Counties of Dutchess, Westchester, Orange, Ulster, Albany, Tryon and Charlottee be exempted from all Militia Duty of what kind soever for the space of two months from the date hereof. Provided always that the said Coopers are employed in exercising their Trades in preparing and making Flour, Beef & Pork Barrels.

Ordered, that Copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to his Excellency General Washington, to the Commissary General, and to the Committee of Convention of this State, sitting at Albany, and further that the last Resolution Respecting the Coopers, be transmitted to the Commanding Officers of the Militia in the Counties above mentioned. Extract from the Minutes:

ROBERT BENSON, *Sectr.*

(No. 37.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 322.]

Head Quarters, White Plains, 27th Octo^{r} 1776.

Dear Sir: I have your favor of yesterday. The Gen^{l} highly approves of your Plan of having Roger's Prisoners sent up to your Convention, and will have it done out of hand. You will receive with them several persons taken about this part of the country. The one that appears to be deepest in their schemes, is James Budd whose Examination you have enclosed. You may question him without letting him know you have the Examination, and from comparing the accounts given at different times, form a judgment of the truth. Our Scouting Parties are very active, and very successful. Yesterday they brought in five british prisoners, and this Morning 12 Waldeckers; the latter are amazed at the kind Treatment they receive. they say they were torn away from their own Country and will willingly remain with us. They say if their fellow Soldiers knew how kindly they would be treated, and how plentifully, and how happily they might live, they would lay down their Arms, and come among us. We shall continue to make a good use of those fellows.

Our neighbours remain very quiet in this Quarter, but we have heard a heavy Cannonade about Fort Washington; we dont know the occasion yet, but have sent down for intelligence. You are misinformed, as to the quantity of Provisions we have lost, when General Lee removed, he was obliged to leave 80 or 90 Barrels of Provisions of all kinds for want of Waggons.

We already make a very respectable Figure,—our Front lined and Arbutted and some Redoubts well forwarded on our Rear impassable for Horse or Foot, but thro' passes of which we have Posession.

Send us good news from the Northward, and never fear us we will play our part.

I am Dear Sir Yours, Sincerely,

TENCH TILGHMAN.

To William Duer, Esq^{r} of the Committee of Correspondence, Fish Kills.

(true Copy) Robert Benson, *Secry.*

(No. 38.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 324.]

Albany, Nov^{r} 5th 1776.

Sir: In order that this State may aid you to the utmost in furnishing the Northern Army with provisions we have agreed to the Resolutions of which we enclose you a Copy, and are accordingly ready to assign you an agent fully authorized to carry into effect that part which relates to the purchase and manufacture of wheat with vigour & Dispatch.

Foldout in Book!

A Topographical MAP of the North.n Part
OF
NEW YORK ISLAND,
Exhibiting the PLAN of FORT WASHINGTON,
now

HAERLEM RIVER

Haerlem

Jeffs Hill

Fort Washington

Fort Lee

Hudsons River

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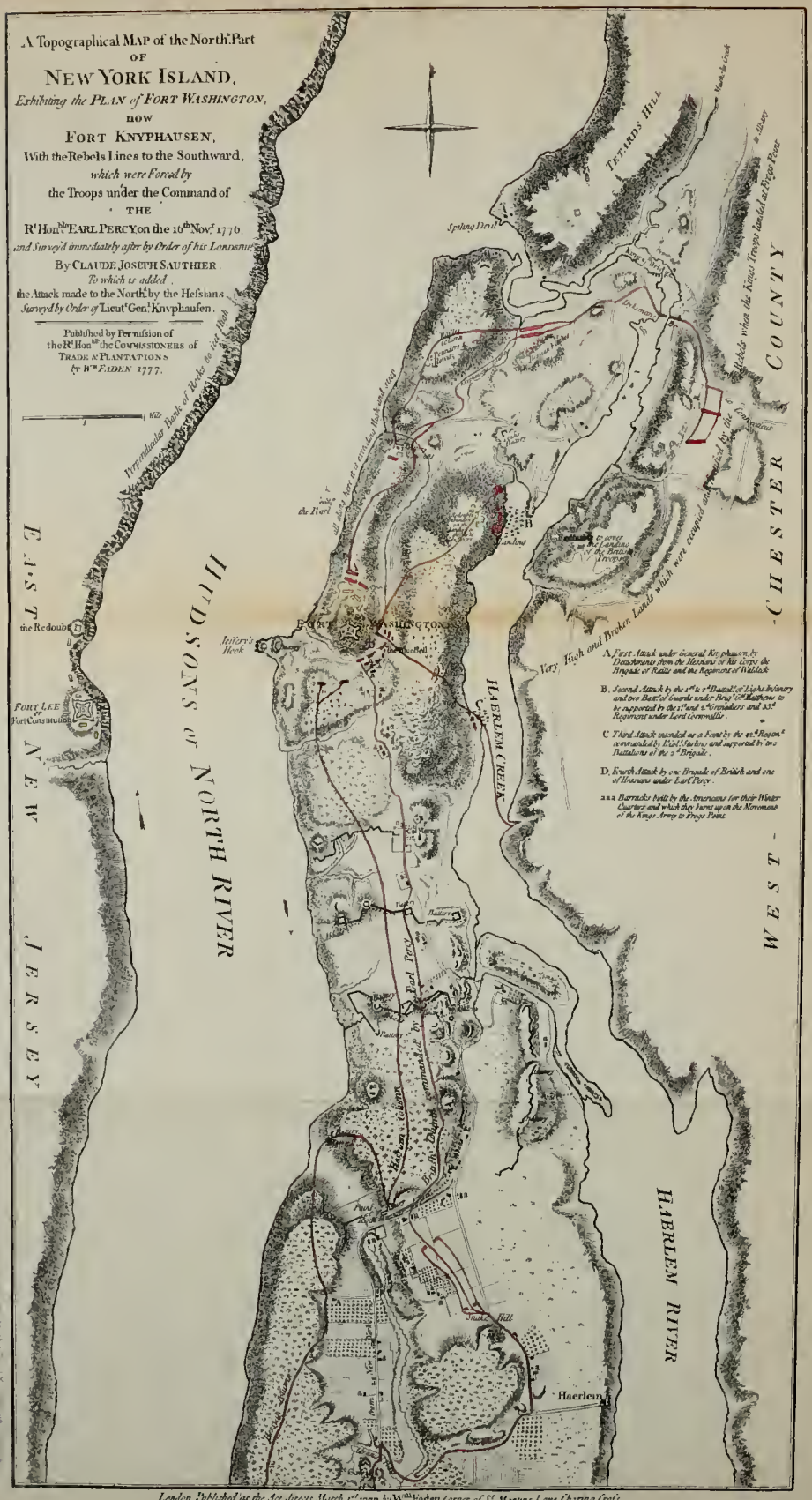
A Topographical MAP of the North.n Part
OF
NEW YORK ISLAND,
Exhibiting the PLAN of FORT WASHINGTON,
now
FORT KNYPHAUSEN,
With the Rebels Lines to the Southward,
which were Forced by
the Troops under the Command of
THE
R.t Hon.ble EARL PERCY on the 16.th Nov.r 1776,
and Surveyd immediately after by Order of his Lordship
By CLAUDE JOSEPH SAUTHIER.
To which is added,
the Attack made to the North.d by the Hessians
Surveyd by Order of Lieut.t Gen.l Knyphausen.
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HUDSONS or NORTH RIVER
EAST NEW JERSEY
WEST-CHESTER COUNTY
HARLEM RIVER
HARLEM CREEK
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FORT LEE
Jeffery's Hook
the Redoubt
Tetards Hill
Spiting Devil
Haerlem
Snake Hill
Earl Percy
A. First Attack under General Knyphausen by Detachments from the Hessians of his Corps the Brigade of Rallé and the Regiment of Waldeck
B. Second Attack by the 1.st & 2.d Battal.s of Light Infantry and two Batt.s of Guards under Brig.r Gen.l Matthews to be supported by the 1.st and 2.d Grenadiers and 33.d Regiment under Lord Cornwallis.
C. Third Attack intended as a Feint by the 42.d Regim.t commanded by Lieut.t Colonel Harcourt and supported by two Battalions of the 2.d Brigade.
D. Fourth Attack by one Brigade of British and one of Hessians under Earl Percy.
aaa Barracks built by the Americans for their Winter Quarters and which they burnt upon the Movement of the Kings Army to Frogs Point
Very High and Broken Lands which were occupied and entrenched by the Rebels when the Kings Troops landed at Frogs Point
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If you can point out any thing more effectual, or stand in need of further advice or support respecting your Department, we shall cheerfully assist you on the first Intimation. It being our Intention to leave nothing undone which at this arduous conjuncture may contribute to the important Purpose of supplying the Northern Army with Provisions. We are Sir your most humⁱ Servᵗ

Mʳ Avery. R. YATES, *Chʳ*

(No. 39.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 326.]

Ticonderoga, Head Quarters, Octʳ 20th 1776.

Gentlemen: The late success of the Enemies of American Liberty on this Lake renders it probable I might say certain that this Post will very soon be attacked. In that case as the Enemy may perhaps attempt a Blockade rather than an immediate attack on our lines a large supply of Provisions will be absolutely necessary. You are therefore requested gentlemen to lend all the assistance in your power in forwarding Provisions of every kind from Bennington to this place by way of Skeensbourgh. The badness of the Road may render it necessary to send Flour &ᶜ on Pack Horses in Bags. If no other methoud is practicable make use of that, Regard not the expense. Mʳ Yancey D. Comʸ General has the General's orders to pay every necessary Expence and Charge that may arise.

I am Gentᵐ by the General's orders, your very Obdᵗ Servᵗ

J TRUMBUL, *D. E. Genˡ*

To the Gentlemen Committee of Safety for the Town of Bennington.

The within is a true Copy of a copy of a Letter taken by me at Bennington from the Original in the Hands of the Wife of the Chairman of the Committee of that place: in Consequence of a Request of the General Committee of Albany County.

Novʳ 2ᵈ 1776. STEPHEN LUSH.

(No. 40.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 328.]

Ticonderoga, 20th Oct 1776.

Gentᵉⁿ This is to inform you that in consequence of a number of disaffected persons (in and about Albany) to the common Safety of this Continent, there is great Danger of a too long delay of the contracted provisions for this army from that place and in particular the article of Flour and that we have not more than will answer for bread for the Army present than about sixteen days, and as the advances of the enemy may be but slow and in order for a blockade and to cut off all communications to this Place, all which makes it of the utmost consequence that we have an immediate supply and as I am appointed and impowered to act and contract for every necessary provision for this Department by the Commissary General Joseph Trumble Esqʳ I thought it of the highest importance to make this pressing application, that you would contract and immediately forward to Skeensborough Landing all the Flour that can be purchased for the Army on the northern Department. And relying Gentlemen upon your public patriotism to Serve your Country, I make not the least doubt that you will comply with this request, and as your pay I will furnish you from time to time with Continental Currency as fast as my present hurry of business will permit & beg you will forward me your answer immediately how much you will be able to supply me with and in what time so that I may be able to satisfy the commander-in-Chief at this place with this very important business, and you will greatly oblige yours with respect your most humble Servant,

JAMES YANCEY, *D. C.*

The Honᵇˡᵉ Committee of Safety, Bennington.

The within is a true Copy of a Copy of a Letter taken by me at Bennington in Consequence of a Request of the General Committee of the County of Albany.

Novʳ 2ᵈ 1776. STEPHEN LUSH.

N. B. The original was in the Hands of the Wife of the Chairman of the Committee of Bennington.

(No. 41.)

[Mil. Commit. 25: 330.]

Return of the quantity of Flour remaining at the Undermentioned Stations, Vizt.:

Date.	Stations where remaining.	Bread.		Flour.	
		Tierces.	Barrels.	Connecticut Barrels.	N. York. Barrels.
Sep. 28, 1776.	At Ticonderoga as pr. Mr. Avery's return to Gen. Schuyler,	..	..	..	1020
" " "	" North End of Lake George as pr. " " "	..	..	..	360
" " "	" Fort George " " " "	..	..	..	588
" " "	" Fort Edward " " " "	..	..	..	230
" 30 "	" Saratoga as pr. Mr. Holmes' Return,	..	..	..	252
" " "	" Stillwater as pr. Mr. Avery's return to Gen. Schuyler,	..	..	..	185
" " "	Forwarded from Albany to Half Mooo from 28th Sept'r,	..	..	..	271
	Delivered over by Mr. Livingston to Mr. Avery,	14	16	54	303
	Total,	14	16	54	3209

WALTER LIVINGSTON.

N. B. The above Bread and Flour will victual 11,000 Men for 59 Days.

Comfort Sands to Pierre Van Cortlandt.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 168.]

Fishkill, November 8th 1776.

Sir: I find charged in the Public Accounts three different sums advanced for the Manufactory of Arms, above 12 Months ago, Viz., To Mr. Robert Boyd who is now here £100. Upon enquiry of him I find he has returned only Six Gun Barrells. To Mr. Watkey £50. I find he has returned none. Am told he is poor and now removed to New Brunswick in Jersey. To Mr. Atherton £350. He returned none that I can learn.

I submit it to the Convention whether some steps ought not to be taken to get the Arms (as they are now much wanted) or the money repaid.

I am Sir your very Humble Servant,

To Pierre V. Cortlandt, Esq. COMFORT SANDS.

John Lansing to Lt. Col. Deroussie.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 512.]

Head Qrs Albany, Novr 12th 1776.

Sir: You will immediately mann as many Batteaus as are at this post with such of the Canadian Corps as are now in Town and proceed with them without a Moments delay to Fish-Kills: Upon your arrival at that place you will instantly wait on the President of the Convention of this State and conform to his directions as to your further procedure.

By Order of the General,

To Lieut. Colo. Deroussie. JOHN LANSING, Junr *A. Secty.*

Deposition of Marmaduke Foster.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 267.]

Fishkill, in Dutchess County, ss. Nov. 13th 1776.

Marmaduke Foster of the City of New York but of late residing in the Manor of Philipsburg near White Plains in Westchester Co in the State of New York Carpenter of full age being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith —

That from the beginning of the present struggle he hath been a zealous & Active Friend to the American Cause. That he held a Commission of first Lieutenant in Capt Saml Johnsons Company of Militia in the City of New York in the execution of which he exerted himself to the utmost of his abilities. that last May he removed his Family with most of his Effects to his Father in laws John Martine in the Manor of Philipsburgh in Westchester Co afor^{sd} That on the next day after the first Ships of War sailed up the North River he procured a Certificate & permit from the Committee of New York & removed himself to his Father in Laws afor^{sd} where he continued to reside till on or about the 28th Oct last. that about four °clock in the Afternoon of that day he was at the rear of his Father in Laws house when his s^{d} Father in Law called to him & informed him, that the Enemys troops (who sometime before were landed in Westchester County) were in sight & Coming towards the house. that the deponent and his said Father in law retired to some distance from the house & where they had an oppertunity of viewing the said troops. that from the Dress & Uniform of the said troops the Deponent & his Father in law believed them to be Hessians. that the deponent thereupon fled as did also his Father in law to prevent falling into their hands. that the next day the deponent (on hearing they were not the enemy's troops) attempted to return to the s^{d} House but was stopped by the guards of the American Army by order of Lord Sterling. that the deponent then went back about three miles to a house where he had left his Wife the night before. he there heard that his Father in law had been to his house (from whence they fled on the appearance of the supposed Enemy). that the troops which they had seen coming to the house when they left it, were the American Army & that they had plundered and Carried off every thing that was in the house & that his Father-in-law was at the White Plains endeavouring to regain them.

That the next Morning the deponent went to the White Plains and found his Father-in-law there, who had got back sundry of his things and some books belonging to the Deponent. that he was told (immediately on his coming to the White Plains) by some of the men of Capt Post's Company of Artificers, that he must enquire among the men of Capt Ford's Company of Col. Brewer's Regim^{t} for his things, for they had seen many of his Carpenters Tools among them which they knew.

That the deponent went to Capt Ford's quarters but could not find him, & then went to Capt Shaddock of the same Regiment who told the deponent if he could procure a written order & prove himself a friend to the Country his things should be delivered to him if any of them were in the possesion of his men; that the deponent then went to Major Bacon of the same regiment & informed him that he had been plundered of his Effects & that some of Capt Post's men had told him that they had seen some of his Carpenters Tools among the men of Capt Ford's Company & that Captain Shaddock had directed the Deponent to the Commanding Officer for a written order to search for them & that if he could procure such an order he should have them; that the Major did not give the deponent a written Order but told him he should have such of his things as were in the possesion of any of the men of the Regm^{t}, and in a great hurry rode off.

That the deponent then went to his Father in law's house to see particularly what things were still remaining & what carried off; that he found his Tool chest broke open, the irons taken out of all his plains & Carried away together with his saws, Chizels & all his other Tools; that the Deponent then made his Complaint to Genl. M^{c}Dougal who referred him to Col. Brewer; that on his applying to Col. Brewer the Col. promised him that the next morning the Regiment should be paraded and such things as were found among them (belonging to the deponent) should be delivered to him and that the deponent should call on him the next day and receive them; that the next day the deponent went accordingly but the Regm^{t} was removed to North Castle; that 2 or 3 days after the deponent and his said Father in law in going to North Castle to enquire after said Regm^{t} met Col. Brewer on his way to Peekskill; that the deponent told him his errand to North Castle; that the Col. did not incline to say much on the subject, but told the deponent he must go to Major Bacon; that on the deponent coming to Major Bacon at North Castle, the

Major ordered the Men's Chests & Baggage to be searched in the Deponent's presence. That some bound books belonging to the Deponent were found in some of the men's Knapsacks and a brass Kettle hanging on a baggage Cart; that the next day the Deponent with his Father in Law went to Capt Shaddock's (of said Regm^{t}) encampment; that the said Capt Ordered his men to be paraded & to bring out all their things with them; that the deponent discovered in the possesion of a Lieutenant of the s^{d} Company a Blanket which the Deponent claimed; that the Lieutenant refused to deliver to the deponent the said Blanket unless he would pay him 5 Shill'gs & 4^{d} for bringing it so far, which sum the Deponent paid.

That Lieut Hitchins of Capt Pollard's Company has told this deponent that he had liberty to go out with the party on the day they went to the Deponent's Father in law's house, but on finding that their intention was to plunder he declined going; that the said Lieut Hitchings further told this deponent that he had heard that Capt Ford had sent off 2 men with Plunder to New England; that Capt Pollard told the deponent that the said Capt Ford has now in his possesion a horse which he has plundered in Westchester County.

And this deponent further saith that the goods & Articles mentioned in the list subjoined to his affidavit & which he verily believes was taken from his Father in law's house at the time and by the Regm^{t} aforesaid, are still missing and that the prices affixed to them respectively do not exceed their true Value, and further saith not. MARMADUKE FOSTER.

Sworn to this 13th Nov 1776 before me
PIERRE VAN CORTLAND,
President of the Convention of New York.

Deposition of John Martine.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 273.]

Fishkill, Dutchess County, ss. Nov 13 1776.

John Martine of the Manor of Philipsburgh near the White Plains in the County of Westchester State of New York Farmer, of full age being sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God—deposeth & Saith,

That from the beginning of the present struggle he hath been a zealous and active Friend to the American Cause; that he has a son who hath borne arms in Defence of the Country in Capt Townsend's Company, That after the Enemy's Army had penetrated into the County of Westchester, to wit on or about the 28th of October last, this Deponent being at home, saw a considerable body of troops at a distance advancing on their way towards his house and from about ¾ of a mile therefrom; that he took those troops to be part of the Enemy's Army & therefore fled from his House, that in the night of the same day he this deponent returned to his House & found it plundered or almost all the effects he had left in it carried away, that before his return he had discovered the troops above-mentioned were the American Army, namely Col. Brewer's Regem't of Massachusets & Col. Webb's Regm't of Connecticut Troops.

That the next day he went to Col. Webb & complained to him of his having been robbed as aforesaid by his men; that Col Webb told him that if his men had taken any of his things they should be returned to him & gave verbal orders to the Officers & Soldiers about him to deliver to the deponent such of his goods as they might have taken from him & told the deponent to go and look among them & see if he could find any of his Goods, the deponent accordingly went and soon discovered some of his beds & Blankets which he took; that he also found some linnen hid under a fence in the Encampment; that he complained also to Major Bacon of Col Brewer's Regm't who gave order that the deponent should search for his goods among his men, which he accordingly did & found sundry of his goods—that this

deponent was engaged for 2 days in looking for his goods as aforesaid, that the said Regmts then marched to North Castle & this deponent having regained but few of his effects followed the said Regmts to that place—that on his way thither he met Col Brower then on his way going to Peekskill—that he made known his complaint aforesaid to him—that Col Brewer declined saying much about the matter, and went his way—that when the deponent came to North Castle he again saw Major Bacon —that Major Bacon told the deponent (privately) that a thorough search should be made for his goods as well among the Officers as among the Soldiers & that his Chest should be first searched—that the deponent accordingly searched the Major's Chest & Baggage without finding any of his effects—that the Capt[a] Williard & Gale both of Col Brewer's Regm't went with this deponent & Marmaduke Foster (who had also been plundered) to a room in which there were a number of Chests & Baggage belonging to the Regm't—that they examined the said Chests & Baggage & found considerable of their goods—that they found a pillow belonging to the deponent in the Chest of Capt Gale—that on this same day this deponent discovered on a Baggage Cart a Green rug which he took to be his & Challenged it in the presence of Major Bacon; that the deponent called out, who has taken this? that some of the soldiers said it belonged to Major Bacon, that Major Bacon thereupon said it had been thrown into Col. Brewer's Tent with a bed & that he & the Col. had laid 2 nights upon it.

That the next day the deponent & the said Foster went to the encampment of Capt Shaddock's Company of Col. Brewer's Regm't—that they complained of their treatment as aforesaid to Capt Shaddock—that Capt Shaddock paraded his men & caused their baggage to be searched—that the deponent there found considerable quantity of his effects—that among other things he found a quantity of tow Cloth which they had divided amongst them.

And this deponent further saith that the goods & articles mentioned in the list subjoined to this affidavit & which he verily believes were taken from his house at the time & by the Regmt aforesaid are still missing & that the prices affixed to them respectively do not exceed their true value, & this deponent saith that he hath often Hospitably & kindly entertained many of the American Officers & Soldiers as well of those Regmt's as of many others & hath on all occasions endeavored to promote the service of the american Cause, & this deponent further says that divers of the Inhabitants of the Country about this deponent have also been cruelly plundered by the American troops and particularly that he saw in the possession of some of Capt Ford's men of Col. Brewer's Regmt, Bed Curtains which they confessed they had taken out of the house of Talman Pugsley; & that Capt Ford confessed to this deponent that he had got sundry things out of that house & further this Deponent saith not.

JOHN MARTINE.

Sworn to this 13[th] day of November 1776 before me:
PIERRE VAN CORTLAND,
V: President of the Convention of New York.

Appointment of Lieut. Osterhout.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 257.]

Gysbert Osterhout the bearer hereof is hereby appointed as one of the subalterns of the Party sent to work at the Barracks at Fishkill according to resolutions of Committe of Safety for the State of New York of the Sixth November Tuesday—
Dated 20[th] Nov. 1776.

ANTHONY VAN BERGEN,
Coll of the 11[th] Reg[mt] in county of Albany.

Account of Duties.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 36.]

An account of Duties outstanding the 22d November 1776, not charged in my public Accounts, Vizt

From General Gage,	£1	7	0
Charles W. Apthrope	2	14	0
Capt. Archibald Kennedy,	2	14	0
Archibald McVickar,	4	11	0
Theophilact Bache,	3	0	8
Alexander McDonald,	1	13	8
William Kepple,	2	14	0
Henry C. Bogart,	4	2	4
Sir Wm Johnson,	0	6	0
Henry Nibblett,	15	7	6
Thomas Hammond,	36	15	8
Thomas Doughty, Junr	0	16	2
Timothy Tuttle,	8	8	2
James Ricketts, } New Jersey,	0	12	2
Jas. Johnson, } New Jersey,	6	15	10
George Ross, } New Jersey,	1	13	6
Samuel Brown, New Haven,	9	12	0
Garrit Lansing, Albany,	3	3	2
Phineas McIntosh,	5	19	0
Capt. Thomas Smith,	0	16	4
Robert Lawton, } Rhode Island,	25	9	4
John Freebody, } Rhode Island,	12	15	2
John Albany,	4	15	4
Isaac Sears,	8	17	6
Capt. Henry Benson,	35	9	0
Capt Vincent P. Ashfield,	74	19	10
John Schuyler,	39	6	6
John Marston,	1	7	0
	£316	1	10

Errors Excepted. November 22d 1776. ABM LOTT, *Treasr*

Petition of Alexander Stewart.

[Petitions, 33: 24.]

To the Honorable Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That your pettisoner having been duly mead by said Convention a prisoner as a subject to the King of Great Britton on the twenteth and seventh day of July last, and hath not from that time to this daite ever received the lest support from said States, And hath since that time been oblidged to give his Honor in pledge for Payment of said maintenance, And your Pettisoner doth think himself dewley intitil'd to the provision made by the Honourable Convention for Prisoners of War.

And whereas your Pettisoner heath by no mines aney other resource from which he can be supplied doth Humbly Begg the assistance of this Convention to assist me in my unhappy sircomestences, and if seem good, to have the said ariers payed.

From your humble Pettisoner, ALEXANDER STEWART.

Tuesday Morning, Nov. 26, 1776.

Report of Committee relative to Messrs. Stewart and Metcalf.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 172.]

Nov. 26th, 1776, P. M.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Alexr Stewart and the case of Wm Metcalf do report that the said Alexr Stewart was committed to the keeper of the Goal of West Chester County on the 27th of July last there to remain until further orders.

That about the 20th day of October last the said Stewart with the other Prisoners who were in that goal were sent to Fishkill under guard where the said Alexr Stewart has since remained without any allowance for support known to your committee.

That the said Wm Metcalf after he was taken a Prisoner of War was sent to the care of the Committe at Pound Ridge; that to prevent his making his escape from thence & for misbehaviour he was by order of the said committee on the 24th of Sept. last committed to West Chester Goal from whence he was sent to Fishkill about the said 20th of October.

That your committee are of Opinion that an allowance be made to each of them the said Wm Metcalf & Alexr Stewart of the like rations as the troops in the service of United States from the 20th day of October last, that is to say, in money at the rate of Eight Ninetieth parts of a Dollar per Ration or in provisions at their Election.

Resolution relative to a Company of Connecticut Soldiers.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 570.]

26 November, 1776.

Whereas this Convention are informed that about 100 soldiers belonging to Colo. Bradleys Regimt from Connecticut under the care of Lieut. are come to this place, without orders, some of whom are said to be sick and application being made to this Committee to provide a physician for them:

Resolved that Doctor Graham be authorized to visit & take care of the said sick Soldiers for three days. That a Letter be immediately dispatched to General Heath informing him of the above circumstances, & that he will give his directions for disposing of such of the men of the said Regimt now at this place as are in Health and for taking care of the Sick.

A Letter on this subject to Genl Heath Drawn & approved.

Memorial of James Stewart.

[Petitions, 33: 20.]

To the Honble Congress of the State of New York.

The Memorial of James Stewart Sheweth,

That your memorialist by Order having raised (but not compleat) a Company for the service of the American United States, which Company was joined to the New York second Battalion under Col. Malcom.

That your memorialist received a sum towards defraying the Bounty and Billiting the said Company, Col. Malcom having received Orders to stop his pay until he settled for the money he recd your memorialist now attends the Honble Congress to settle for the same. Your memorialist humbly prays the Honble Congress will be pleased to Order a settlement for his past services, and let him know if there is provision made for him on the new arrangement. And your memorialist as in duty bound, shall pray &c &c

Fishkill, 28th Novr 1776.

Petition of Frederick Philips.

[Petitions, 33 : 32.]

To the Honourable the Congress or Committee of Safety of the State of New York.

The memorial of Frederick Philips, Humbly Sheweth,

That on the ninth day of August last, your memorialist was by order of his Excellency General Washington taken into custody at his own house and imediately sent prisoner from thence to New Rochelle, where he was closely confined under guard for eleven days and from thence removed to the State of Connecticut, a Parole (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) was presented to him which he signed, and agreeable thereto has ever since been confined to this town & a small district round it.

That your memorialist has thus been deprived of his liberty without any particular matter being alledged against him or even having an opertunity of offering anything in his own defence, he therefore cannot help thinking that General Washington must have been induced to take this step in consequence of some misrepresentations.

That your memorialist has already suffered great hardships & Inconveniences & if not permitted to return home before the severity of the winter sets in, must still suffer many more which in his advanced stage of life and infirm state of health he is ill calculated to undergo, but that even all the personal inconveniences he has felt, and is likely farther to feel, if not relieved are far from making so deep an impression on his mind as the circumstance of being seperated from his wife and numerous family, and thereby prevented from superintending his own affairs, perticularly the education of his children whose tender years require the most watchfull attention of a Parent's care.

Your memorialist therefore prays that your Honours will be pleased to take his case under consideration & afford him relief by restoring him again to his liberty, or if that cannot be granted at present, that he may be indulged with leave to reside at his own house (within such limits as you shall think fit to prescribe) under a parole similar to that which he has already given. All which is humbly submitted to your Honours consideration. FRED. PHILIPS.

Middletown, 29th Novr 1776.

Parole of Frederick Philips.

[Petitions, 33: 34.]

I, the subscriber, being apprehended and sent by General Washington to the care of his Honour Govenor Trumbull, in order to be kept safe, and being ordered by his Honour the Govenour to reside within the limits of the town of Middletown in Connecticut upon my giving my Parole, I therefore do hereby engage and promise to the Govenor and Company of the State of Connecticut upon the honor, faith and credit of a gentleman, faithfully to abide within the limits of the said town of Middletown untill further orders shall be had from his Honor Governor Trumbull thereon, and in the meantime I engage and promise not to correspond either directly or indirectly in any shape whatever with any Person or Persons unfriendly to these American States, and will abide such orders and directions as shall be given from time to time by the Committee of Inspection for said Town where I shall reside as aforesaid. As Witness my hand dated at Hartford, Augt 28th 1776.

FREDERICK PHILIPS.

N. B. Said Party is granted to go to Wethersfield and Durham as occassion may be.

Certificate of Capt. Pollard.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 323.]

Camp at Fishkill, Dec. 2d 1776.

This may certify that I heard Giles Throll say that Capt. Ford had sent 2 or 3 men to Connecticutt with goods that was supposed to be plunder at White Planes.

BENJ. POLLARD, *Capt.*

Petition of Phœbe Oakley.

[Petitions, 33: 48.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The Petition of Phœbe Oakley of the Borough Town of Westchester in the County of Westchester & State of New York Humbly Sheweth.

That your Petitioner to avoid the depredations of a cruel Enemy, who had then landed at Frog's Neck, sent divers of her effects to her Brother in laws Tolman Pugsley's at the Manor of Philipse.

That your Petitioner hath been inhumanly robbed and plundered of all her said effects by Captain Ford and his Company of Col. Brewer's Regiment.

That your Petitioner hath not as yet been able to recover any of her said effects, for the particulars of which and the manner in which the same were taken from her and divided amongst the plunderers, your Petitioner begs leave to refer to the affidavits subjoined to this Petition.

That your Petitioner hath been informed that such base and unmannerly ravages are not countenanced by the regulations prescribed for the government of the American Army, but on the contrary hath been advised that the Generals of the said Army will on application deliver to the civil authority of this State all such persons as wantonly trespass against the laws thereof, and particularly in the cases of theft, robbery and other felonies,

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that this Convention who are & ought to be the Guardians of the rights of the people of this State, will be pleased to assist the same by taking cognizance of the crimes committed by Captain Ford against your Petitioner, and extending to him the laws in such cases provided, and further that application may be made to the Hon^ble^ the general Congress for a Resolution to compel Cap^t^ Ford & his Company to make restitution to the many unhappy sufferers whom they have basely stripped and pilferred. And your Petitioner shall shall ever pray. PHEBE OAKLEY.

Dec^r^ 2^nd^ 1776.

Dutches County ss.

Phebe Oakley of the Borough Town of Westchester in the County of Westchester, single woman of full age, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that on the day the Enemy took possession of Frog's Neck, she sent a trunk covered with seal skin & filled with Linnen & cloaths & some writings of great value to her Brother in law's Tolman Pugsley on the Manor of Philipse in order that the same might be out of the way of the Enemy, and that together with the said trunk she also sent to the same place, five feather beds & bedding, one looking-glass, one Copper Coffey-kettle, with lamp and stand, two muffs in cases, a long blue Cloth Cloak, one pair of brass knobbed hand irons, one painted & one woolen floor-cloth, one copper Tea Kettle, two Pewter dishes & one dozen of plates, a whole set of Tea China and a small red trunk belonging to Captain John Berrian, two large willow baskets with a variety of articles & cloathing in them & a pair of boots almost new, a pair of brass Candlesticks and some books. That she remembers there was in the said trunk, ten yards of Pea Green Tafetia, a light brown Mantua gown, a plain Satin Cloak, a light blue silk quilt, a dark chintz gown, a blue Copper Plate gown, a chintz Frock for a child, one Calico bed-quilt, fifty yards of new Linnen, Furniture for one bed of blue and white Callico, Furniture for one bed of White Diaper, Furniture for one bed of very dark blue and white, and white calico, Furniture for another bed of white diaper, Furniture for one bed of white Cotton & Linen, Nine Diaper Table Cloths of different figures, one dozen of Diaper knapkins, Ten homespun and bought Linnen shifts, one dozen of Homespun and bought Linen shirts, half a dozen of Muslin stocks, ten pair of Linnen sheets & ten pair of Pillow Cases, a striped silk and Cotton Jacket, three pair of white drilling breeches, one red Morocco pocket book, one white sattin hat, one dozen pair of Linnen & Cotton stockings, a half dozen Linen & Cotton

stockings in another parcel, besides a number of Caps, handkerchiefs, aprons & children's cloathing, the particulars of which she cannot remember.

That in the said trunk were books of accounts, bonds, Notes, Receipts and Title Deeds belonging to her Father, the late Alderman Oakley's Estate.

That this Deponent continued at the Borough Town of Westchester with her Brother's Widow till the Enemy had evacuated that place. That then the deponent went to the Manor of Philipse in quest of her trunk and other effects sent there as aforesaid. That on coming there she was informed by her said Brother in law Tolmon Pugsley that he had received the said trunk & other things sent to him as aforesaid, but that while he was gone from home with some of his Effects & before he could return for another load, his house was plundered as he was informed & believed to be true by Captain Ford & his Company of Col[l] Brewer's Regiment of the Massachusetts in the American Army, and that this deponent's Effects aforesaid had been carried away by them; that her said Brother in law further told her he had applied to Captain Ford for restitution of the said Effects. That Captain Ford confessed he had some of them but would not deliver them up or let him see them. That thereupon this deponent applied to Gen[l] Heath, who behaved to her as a Gentleman and man of honor, that the General told her he would put him under arrest; that this deponent has never recovered any of the said Effects, but has heard that part of them were sold, & Captain Pollard told her he was informed that Captain Ford had sent off two or three men to Connecticut with plunder, and further this deponent saith not. PHEBE OAKLEY.

Sworn the 2[nd] December 1776, before me,

PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, V. Presid[t]

Dutches County, ss.

Tolman Pugsley of the Manor of Philipse, Yeoman, in the aforegoing affidavit mentioned of full age, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth & saith,

That he received the trunk & other Effects mentioned in the said affidavit to have been sent to his house by his sister in law, Phebe Oakley; that on the day the Battle was fought at Chatterton Hill at the White Plains this deponent began to remove his effects to the house of his Father, who lived about six miles to the Northward of him; that he arrived at his Fathers in the evening of the same day with a load of goods; That he staid all night at his fathers; that the next morning he returned home with intent to remove the rest of his Effects, but to his surprise was informed by his neighbours that his house had in his absence been plundered by Captain Ford & his Company, who were encamped in the neighbourhood.

That this deponent went in pursuit of the said Effects but hath never been able to recover any of them; that on his application to Captain Ford for the said Effects, Captain Ford said he had some things but did not believe they belonged to this deponent; that the deponent then described a suit of Curtains, Bed quilts, and other articles, and desired Captain Ford to examine with this deponent the things he confessed he had, to see if they were not among them, That Captain Ford replied he would not shew this deponent where the said goods were, or what they were and gave this deponent a great deal of very abusive language, and further this deponent saith not. TOLMAN PUGSLEY.

Sworn this 2[nd] Dec[r] 1776, before me,

PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT.

Dutches County, ss.

Ebenezer Burrel of Lynn in the County of Essex in the State of Massachusets Bay a Private in Captain Pollard's Company of Col[l] Brewer's Regiment of Artificers of full age, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith,

That the day after the fight at Chatterton Hill at the White Plains, this deponent was at Young's Tavern, on the Manor of Philipse, where he was taking care of some Carpenters Tools, by order of his Captain.

That this deponent went the said day from thence in company with one Basset of Captain Fords Company, to his Captain's quarters for further orders respecting the said Tools; that in his way thither he passed by an encampment which the said Basset told this deponent was Captain Fords Company, and at which the said Basset stopped, and this deponent further saith, that on his return from his Captain he stopped at the said Encampment to enquire for the said Basset, who had promised to return with this Deponent if he would call for him; That on enquiring for him this deponent was informed that Basset had gone on; that while this deponent was in the said Encampment he saw several men whom he knew to be of Captain Fords Company, from which circumstance & from what Basset had as aforesaid told him, he has no doubt but that the said Encampment was the Encampment of Captain Ford's Company.

That while he was in the said Encampment he saw a number of men dividing divers articles of Cloathing & Household Furniture, some of which were hung on the bushes near their Tents & others spread on the Ground, That while they were making the division he heard one of the men say "Captain Ford must have an equal share;" that another answered "Captain Ford has had a number of little notions already," to which the first replied "never mind that, he has used us well and he ought to have an equal share if he has got a few little things;" that among the said goods this Deponent well remembers to have seen a piece of green silk, a light Cloth Coloured woman's Gown, two pair of white Drilling men's Breeches and sundry sheets, Pillow Cases, Table Cloths, shifts, shirts, and a variety of other articles, and further this deponent saith not, EBENEZER BURRILL.

Sworn this 2nd Day of December, 1776, before me,
PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, V. Presidt

The foregoing is a true Copy of the original examined by ROBT BENSON, Secry to the Convention of the State of New York.

Petition of William Boerum and others.

[Petitions, 33: 46.]

To the Honourable Convention for the State of New York.

The Petition of William Boerum, Daniel Rapalie and Isaac J. Sebring Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners have been in the Provincial Service for the State of New York first under the Command of Genl Green who directed your Petitioners with sundry other persons then in the Service to take all the fatt stock belonging to disaffected persons on Long Island for the use and support of the United Forces under the Command of his Excellency General Washington, which stock your said Petitioners drove to the said Forces, and there delivered them to Commissary Brown. Immediately after that your Petitioners were ordered by General Woodhull to drive all the Stock remaining on the west part of the said Island to the Easward which order your petitioners executed to the utmost of their power. The stock being then delivered your petitioners were ordered by Collonel Potter to quit the said Island, and while your Petitioners were on the march to join Coll. Livingston, who then was to the Eastward, your Petitioners in consequence of said Coll. Potters orders to them were under the disagreeable necessity of leaving their horses on the said Island unferried, which horses your Petitioners have since lost.

Your Petitioners then waited upon the Honourable Convention for farther orders, and being informed by one of the members thereof that it would be attended with too much Expences to the State to employ your Petitioners any longer as Horsemen, and your Petitioners being still unemployed and having received no pay since your Petitioners first entered the Service of the said State, and your Petitioners being informed that they are to be paid no more than six shillings per day for their service. Your Petitioners therefore humbly beg that their wages may at least be made adequate to what your Petitioners have been out of pocket during the time of their

service, and while they have waited for further orders. Your Petitioners are still willing and ready to serve their Country on any Command your Honours may think them equal to. And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Decem^{r} 3rd 1776.

Report on Impressing Boats, etc.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 387.]

December 5th 1776.

We as agents appointed by your honor for Hireing or empresing boats & Scow for the Publick Service, find a difficulty in the Exorbiant Prises in men. We have spoke with Genl Clinton, Who has recommended us to your honours for the Prises of Boats of such & Such Burthen. We wait for your Emediate Directions & Subscribe oursellves Your ever Devoted Sarvents,

NICH^{s} BREWER, Jun.
JER^{H} CLARK.

Receipt of James Weeks.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 325.]

Fishkill, Dec. 5th 1776.

Received of Ezra L'Hommedieu Esq 80 Pounds current money of New York, in order to defray the expence of transporting four Hogsheds of Dry goods purchased by John R. Livingston of John Roe Esq. for the Committee of Safety of the State of New York, from Boston to this place, by hiring or buying teams for that purpose as shall appear most advantagious and to acct for the same sum with the Committee of Safety for the State of New York charging for my time, Horse & Expences 20 shillings pr day. Witness my hand,

Witness, JAMES WEEKS.

Jacob Cuyler.

Petition of Alexander Wallace.

[Petitions, 33: 42.]

To the Honorable the Convention or Committee of Safety of the State of New York.

The petition of Alexander Wallace of the City of New York, Merchant, Humbly sheweth,

That on the Eighth day of August last your petitioner was apprehended as he understood by Order of his Excellency Gen^{l} Washington, as a person suspected as unfreindly to the American cause, in consequence of which your petitioner presented a memorial to him, representing his family-distresses, a copy of which is ready to be produced. That his Excellency in answer to your petitioners memorial told him his case was very hard, and directed him to call the next morning. That your petitioner accordingly attended on his Excellency and produced to him a Certificate of his good behaviour from Colonel Remsen, and that your petitioner had actually employed a sufficient man in his stead in the Continental Service, as by the Certificate from Col. Remsen ready to be produced, will appear. That his Excellency thereupon declared that there were then so many applications to him of the like nature, that it was out of his power to relieve your petitioner at that juncture and that your petitioner should submit to the necessity of going with the other Gentlemen then under arrest to New England, and gave your petitioner reason to believe that e'er many days elapsed, he should return to his family. That your petitioner while in New England applied to his Excellency through General Putnam on the subject of his return to his family, and recieved for answer that he must wait with patience a few weeks longer. That your petitioner again applied to his Excellency through another channel, and received an answer to his application dated the 5th Nov^{r} last, purporting that though his Excellency was disposed to oblige your petitioner, he had referred the matter to the Convention of New York, to whom your

petitioner must apply. That Governor Trumbull of the State of Connecticut knowing your petitioners particular distressed situation has permitted him personally to apply to this Honorable convention, as by his certificate ready to be produced will appear. That your petitioners private papers, on the preservation of which the well-being of his family principally depends, are buried in the Earth on Long Island, in a place unknown to any but your petitioner and —— now a prisoner in New England, and will probably soon perish unless redeemed from their present state. That the Company papers belonging to your petitioner and his brother Hugh Wallace are deposited in a vault in the City of New York, and cannot be taken from thence but by one of the partners. That your petitioners wife and Eight small children are now on Long Island utterly destitute of that necessary assistance which so numerous a family must unavoidably want in your petitioner's absence and that to add to the distress of your petitioners family, they will be obliged to quit the house on Long Island in which they now reside on the 1st Feby next, as the proprietor thereof is determined to occupy it himself at that time. Your petitioner therefore under this complication of distress, begs leave to cast himself on the benevolence of this Honourable Convention, humbly requesting their permission to him to proceed to the City of New York and Long Island for the necessary care of his family and his private and Company concerns under such conditions in point of time and other circumstances as to this Honourable Convention shall seem fit. And your petitioners shall ever pray &c ALEXANDER WALLACE.

Fishkill, Dec' 6th 1776.

Petition of Miles Sherbrooke.

[Petitions, 33: 38.]

To the Honorable the Convention or Committee of Safety of the State of New York.

The Petition of Miles Sherbrooke of the City of New York, Merchant, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner on the tenth of February last, viewing his most critical situation on account of the approaching troubles removed himself and his family from the City of New York to Long Island with a determination which his connections in Great Britain, he humbly conceives will fully justify, not to take part in the least in the unhappy controversy subsisting between that Kingdom and the United States of North America. That nevertheless your Petitioner notwithstanding his aforesaid retreat, and the well known inoffensiveness of his character was upon some information which doubtless General Washington conceived to be well founded, apprehended by His Excellency's order on the seventh day of August as a person suspected to be unfriendly to the American cause, and was sent a prisoner to the State of Connecticut.

That your petitioner is a partner of the Commercial House of Perry, Hayes & Sherbrooke; that your Petitioners partners reside in England and are well known to have openly avowed and taken an active part in favor of the American cause. That your Petitioner humbly conceives he cannot be deemed inimical to that cause, if no other considerations than those of interest should influence him to a similarity of opinion with his partners. That your Petitioner has received directions from his partners who have proved themselves friendly as above mentioned to America, how to demean himself in the present troubles, and hopes he always has exercised, and shall continue to exercise so much prudence as strictly to conform to them.

That your Petitioner has in every instance complied with all Convention and Committee orders, except in the single instance of not taking up arms, in which your Petitioner flatters himself he will by the mere recital of his case, be fully exculpated if not justified in the oppinion of the Honorable Convention.

That the General Committee of the City and County of New York, conceived your Petitioners case to be singularly hard, and scarcely to be paralleled, and your petitioner is well informed that one single person only in that Body held him up in a suspicious point of light, which your petitioner is informed was the only occasion

of his arrest. That the property of the Commercial house in America to which your petitioner belongs is great and therefore strongly attaches them to the American Interest. That all the Title Deeds, books and other papers belonging to that house so much attached to the American cause, as well as a number of papers concerning the estate of the late M[r] Joseph Haynes deceased, which affect the property of women who cannot take a part in the present controversy, have been buried under ground by your petitioner, on the South side of Long Island, and will probably soon perish in their present situation unless your petitioner can be admitted to go for their redemption. That besides this he hopes that his desire to provide for his wife and family will, considering the probable reasons to suppose him to be friendly to America, have some weight with the Honorable Convention.

Upon the whole he submits to their wisdom and Tenderness both his request to be permitted to repair to the City of New York and Long Island and the terms and conditions upon which he may be thus indulged. And your petitioner shall ever pray &[c] &[c]

MILES SHERBROOKE.

Fishkills, Dec[r] 6[th] 1776.

Inventory of the Estates of Salem Tories.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 307.]

To the Honble the Convention of the State of New York.

Gentlemen: We have a number of men in the town of Salem that is absconded & left their Families & Effects & gone to the Ministereal Army & by the advice of the charman of the County Committee we have taken an acct of the effects of those men & have here sent the act with their names & the committe now dezires to know of you what shall be done with these estates whether aney thing or not, Please to give us an Answer by the barer hereof if you judge them forfit to the State of New York in perticular what manner to proceed in secureing them.

Salem, December 6[th] 1776.

Eph[m] Sanford has run off & left			
1 Horse worth,	£15	0	0
4 Cows, 2 Young Cattle,	21	0	0
5 Hogs, 15 bush Corn,	17	0	0
12 Load good Hay,	18	0	0
House & Barn & furniture 48 Acres of Valible Land,	300	0	0
Thomas Smith Like wise:			
2 Horse kind, 1 pair Oxen,	28	0	0
4 Cows, 6 young Cattle, 3 Calfs,	31	0	0
25 Sheep, 4 fatt Hogs,	18	0	0
5 Shoats, 60 Bush Wheat,	20	10	0
10 Bush Rye, 60 Corn,	2	15	0
20 Loads good Hay,	30	0	0
90 Acres land with good Building.			
Benjamin Close has also left:			
3 Young horses,	21	0	0
1 Pair of Oxen,	20	0	0
3 Cows & young Cattle,	28	0	0
About 30 bush Wheet,	7	0	0
12 Loade Hay,	15	0	0
Very good House & Barn & about 30 Acres of land.			
Gilbord Hunt:			
2 Horses, 1 Pair Oxen,	35	0	0
3 Cows, 3 young Cattle,	£17	0	0
2 Swine, fatt, 6 Shoats,	8	0	0
15 Sheep, 12 Bsh wheet,	13	0	0
40 bush Corn, 3 loads Hay,	10	10	0
50 Acres land House & Barn.			
Samuel Baxter has gone & left:			
1 Horse & Young Horse,	23	0	0
2 Cows, 2 year olds,	12	0	0
2 fatt Hoggs, 2 load of Rye,	7	0	0
6 Load of Hay,	9	0	0
25 Acres land house & barn.			
Abraham Close also:			
3 Horse kind,	15	0	0
3 Cows, 3 Steers,	24	0	0
3 fatt hogs,	6	0	0
20 bush wheet 8 Loads Hay, Some Valible land.	14	0	0
Job Keeler:			
1 Cow, 2 year old, 1 Calf,	9	0	0
3 fatt hogs, 5 Shotes,	8	10	0
60 Bush Corn,	9	0	0
3 Load Hay,	4	10	0
40 Bush wheet,	12	0	0
Jonathan Wallace is gone & left			
1 Horse & Mare & Colt,			
1 Pair Steers.			

Samuel Wallace gone also to the Ministerial Army, a young man.
Ezra Morehouse likewise & left one Old mare.
Jacob Wallace Ditto, Nathaniel Palmer Ditto.
Nathan Osborn of Salem gone soposed to be a Capt in the Ministeral Army has left A House & 2 Barns 190 acres of land, 16 loads of Hay, 30 bush Wheat, 10 Bush Ots, 1 Pair of Oxen, 4 Cows, 7 year olds, 5 Calves & 2 Colts, 7 Swine.
Abraham Dan gone also—1 Pair of Oxen, 1 Cow, 1 Horse, 2 loads of Hay, 40 Bush Corn, 7 bush wheet, 60 lb^{s} Flax.
Edward Jones, 30 Acres Land, 2 Horses, 1 Cow, 2, 1 yearolds.
Geo Butson, house & Barn, 130 acres land, 1 Pair Oxen, 1 horse, 2 Cows, One year Colt, 2 loads hay, 6 Sheep, 4 Swine.

By order of the Committe,
EZEKIEL HAWLEY, *Chairman.*

Salem, 6th Dec^{r} in the y^{r} 1776

Report on the Case of A. C. Cuyler, late Mayor of Albany.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 461.]

Cap^{t} Platt from the Com. to whom the case of M^{r} Abraham C. Cuyler late Mayor of the City of Albany was referred, applied to this Committee to know whether they sh^{d} examine into the original cause of his commitment or only inquire whether he had broke his parole, & if it sh^{d} appear that he had, order him to be sent to Connecticut—or such other place of confinem^{t} as the Com. may think proper.

Resolved that if it shall appear that M^{r} Cuyler has broke his parole in leaving Connecticut that he be ordered by the Com. to such place of confinem^{t} as they may think proper, and that if he has reason to complain of heard treatment in original Committment this Committee will at their leisure inquire into it & do him ample Justice—But they will not authorize any persons under a pretence of obtaining a rehearing to breake their paroles & contemn the power by which they were Committed.

New York Convention to Gen. Clinton.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 311 j]

New Windsor, 8th Dec., 1776.

Sir: The convention of the State of New York have not received any intelligence from the Genl Congress or his excellency Genl Washington & are much alarmed at the progress of the Enemy & the languor that prevails in the militia of the State of New Jersey, which they attribute in some measure to the apearance of the Enemy & the little prospect they have of receiving any assistance within their State. The Convention wish to use every means in their power (consistent with the safety of this State) which in a great measure involves that of the Continent to induce the people of New Jersey to make the proper exertions for their own preservation. In this they conceive nothing can contribute more than forming an Army in New Jersey out of the troops under your command or those that are with Maj. Gen. Lee, & such Militia as can be collected in this or the neighbouring States which we are very well satisfied would soon be formidable to the enemy, cut off their supplies & overawe the disaffected, while Genl Washington being reinforced by the Southern troops & militia would be in a state to meet them in front. What measures we have taken you will collect from the resolutions which we do ourselves the honour to transmit. In addition to this we have written to Gov. Trumbull suggesting the propriety of sending at least 6000 of the Militia of that State into New Jersey & requesting him to write for further aid to the rest of the eastern States. If it is consistent with your Orders to hang in the rear of the enemy from these steps & the means that may be used for raising the Militia of the State of New Jersey, we cannot but help thinking that Genl Howe may soon find cause to repent his teme-

rity. As we know not where to find Major Genl Lee we must beg the favor of you to transmit a copy of your letter by some careful person & the enclosed resolution to him. If sir either you or Genl Lee will be pleased to suggest any necessary measures to those we have taken, we shall think ourselves happy to co-operate therein. We are sir with the utmost respect, Your Most Obt Humble Svts.

Proceedings of the Committee to Co-operate with General George Clinton.

[American Archives, 5th series. 3: 1126.]

At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Representatives of the State of New York in Committee of Safety assembled, agreeable to a Resolution of the said Committee of December 8, 1776:

IN COMMITTEE OF SAFETY FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
FISHKILL, December 8, 1776.

Resolved, That a Committee of three gentlemen be requested to go immediately to Gen. George Clinton at New Windsor, vested with full powers in conjunction with Gen. Clinton, to call out the Militia of Ulster and Orange counties, and to station them at such places as they may think will contribute most to the safety of this State and the general interest of America.

Resolved, That Mr. Robert R. Livingston, General Scott, and Mr. Duer be the said Committee. Extracts from the Minutes.

ROBERT BENSON, *Secretary*

Present: Brigadier-General George Clinton, R. R. Livingston, Esq.,
Brigadier-General Scott, William Duer, Esq.

Resolved, That all the Militia of Orange and Ulster, not at present in the Continental service, and which compose the brigade commanded by Brigadier-General George Clinton, be forthwith ordered to march, properly armed and accoutred, and with four days' provision, to Chester, in Orange County, there to receive further orders from Brigadier-General Clinton. That the said Militia be allowed Continental pay and rations, and one penny per mile in lieu of rations till they come to the place of rendezvous.

Resolved, That General George Clinton be empowered to make use of the Arms and Accoutrements belonging to this State and now at New Windsor, for the purpose of equipping such of the said Militia as are not armed.

Resolved, That Colonel Malcolm be requested and authorized to exert all the influence which he possibly can to induce the men under his command, and such others as he can procure, and to continue in service till the last day of December, and that he be annexed to the brigade commanded by General Clinton.

Resolved, That General George Clinton be empowered to give a gratuity of one dollar to each man of Colonel Malcolm's regiment who will consent to remain in service till the first day of January.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that General Clinton march with the Militia the companies of Rangers raised in the County of Ulster, under the Command of Captain Jacob De Witt and Captain Hasbrouck.

And whereas, in the opinion of the honourable General Congress, and from the measures pursued by the enemy, it is evident that the security of the United States depends principally upon the preservation of the State of New York, which can only be effected by preventing the passes of the Highlands on Hudson's river, from falling into the hands of the enemy; yet it is the firm intention and earnest desire of the Convention of this State to give every assistance possible to any of their sister States, or to the United States in general, consistent with that grand object,

Resolved, therefore, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that General George Clinton be ordered either to join the Army under the command of Major-General Lee or Major-General Gates, provided it be the intention of either of these officers

to form a separate army for the purpose of falling upon the enemy's rear, or cutting off their supplies, and that he vigilantly attend to the motions of the enemy in such a manner that he may be able to retain the passes of the Highlands on Hudson's river.

Resolved, That if it shall be the orders or intentions of Major-General Lee or Major-General Gates to join the main body of the Continental army, that nevertheless, General Clinton do forthwith march into the State of New Jersey, as far as he thinks consistent with the preservation of the passes of the Highlands, and that he exert himself to the utmost in collecting and rousing the spirits of the Militia of the said State, and in overawing and curbing its disaffected or revolted subjects, whenever he shall be called upon by a proper civil or military authority of said State.

Resolved, That Colonel Dubois be requested to attend General Clinton on this expedition.

Resolved, That a copy of the above Resolutions be transmitted to General Heath, and that he be requested to give every necessary assistance to General Clinton in carrying the same into execution.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee, the regiments commanded by Colonel Huntington and Colonel Tyler may be safely put under the command of General Clinton, as he will take care, from time to time, in case the motions of the enemy should require it, that the pass at the Ramapo should be properly secured.

Resolved, That in case General Clinton should be permitted to draw off the above-mentioned regiments, from the pass at Ramapo, that he be empowered to supply their place with as many of the Militia under his command as he shall think necessary.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that General George Clinton should be supplied with two field pieces, forty-five thousand cartouches, tents for fifteen hundred men, and as many small arms as shall be necessary for supplying such of the Militia who may stand in need of them, and that the same ought to be issued from the Continental stores.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Deputy-Commissary and one of the Assistant Quartermaster-Generals of the Continental Army, should attend the brigade of Militia under the command of General George Clinton.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of six thousand pounds should be advanced to General George Clinton from the Treasury of this State, in order to supply any expense which may accrue in the execution of the above-mentioned Resolutions, which is before unprovided for.

Resolved, That a Letter be sent by express to Major-General Gates, enclosing copies of these Resolutions and that he be requested to forward copies of the same to Major-General Lee. By order of Committee:

ROB. R. LIVINGSTON.

NEW WINDSOR, 8th December, 1776.

SIR: The Convention of the State of New York have not received from the General Congress or his Excellency General Washington, and are much alarmed at the progress of the enemy and the languor that prevails in the Militia of the State of New Jersey, which they attribute, in some measure, to the presence of the enemy, and the little prospect they have of receiving any assistance within their State.

The Convention wish to use every measure in their power, consistent with the safety of this State, which in a great measure involves that of the Continent, to induce the people of New Jersey to make the proper exertions for their own preservation. To this they conceive nothing can contribute more than forming an army in New Jersey out of the troops under your command, or those that are with Major-General Lee, and such Militia as can be collected in this or the neighboring States, which we are very well satisfied would soon be formidable to the enemy, cut off their supplies, and overawe the disaffected, while General Washington, being reinforced by the Southern troops and Militia, would be in a state to meet them in front.

What measures we have taken, you will collect from the Resolutions which we

do ourselves the honour to transmit. In addition to this, we have written to Governour Trumbull, suggesting the propriety of sending at least six thousand of the Militia of that State in New Jersey, and requesting him to write for further aid to the rest of the Eastern States. If it is consistent with your orders to hang on the rear of the enemy, from these steps and the means that may be used for raising the Militia of New Jersey, we cannot but help thinking that General Howe may soon find cause to repent his temerity.

As we know not where to find Major-General Lee, we must beg the favor of you to transmit a copy of your letter and the enclosed Resolutions by some careful person to him. If, sir, either you or General Lee will be pleased to suggest any necessary measures, in addition to those we have taken, we shall think ourselves happy in co-operating therein.

I am sir, with the greatest respect, your most obedient, humble servant,

By order of the Committee:

ROB. R. LIVINGSTON

To the Honourable Horatio Gates, Major-General.

Dalston's Tavern, December 9, 1776, ten o'clock at night.

Sir: Since the Resolutions which are referred to and enclosed in the above letter were agreed to, General Clinton and myself were requested by the Committee to proceed to Goshen, where we understood you was expected this evening, in order to know the route which the troops under your command propose taking, and to confer with you on other matters, which are the objects of these Resolutions.

I am sorry we were not fortunate enough to meet with you; but from the intelligence we have received from your Aid-de-Camp, Major Pearce, and from the route which we find General Lee has taken through Princeton, we find that the intentions of both your Armies is to join General Washington, and not to form a separate Army in order to fall on the enemy's rear.

In compliance, therefore, with his orders, General Clinton will be under the necessity of confining himself to the objects specified in the Resolution marked No. 7, unless he should learn from either General Lee or yourself, that your intentions are to form another army on the rear of the enemy. For this purpose he desires me to inform you, that he will immediately order his troops to rendezvous at the place called H City, near Kakeat, in Orange county, at the parting of the road which leads to Tappan and Paramus, where he will be ready to obey your orders, as far as they are consistent with the objects of the enclosed Resolutions. The force he will have with him will consist of about fifteen hundred men.

By the latest accounts we hear that General Washington is daily receiving strong reinforcements from the Militia of Jersey and Pennsylvania; in consequence of which he might possibly be induced to form an army for the purpose of hemming in the enemy in the rear, were he made acquainted with the measures pursued by the Convention of the State of New York. I have therefore to request the favour of you to have copies of the Committee's letter to you and of the enclosed Resolutions, transmitted immediately by express to his Excellency General Washington and to Major-General Lee, in order that they may pursue such measures as they shall judge best calculated for the general good.

I am, sir, with great respect, your obedient, humble servant,

Major-General Gates. WM. DUER.

Samuel Tuder to the Convention.

[American Archives, 5th Series, 3: 1128.]

Poughkeepsie, December 9, 1776.

Gentlemen: Mr. Ivers having declined doing any more for the ships, and your orders being to fit them for sea by spring, would inform you that after the rigging we have spared, shall fall considerably short to fit the ships out; we shall therefore be under the necessity to get some person to relay what rigging may be wanted, out

of the old rigging on board the brig *Polly*, Captain Redfield, for which purpose would recommend the bearer, Mr. Degrashe, who we think very capable. Mr. Ivers being willing to serve the cause, will either sell his tools he has here, or let them on reasonable terms. Captain Anthony Rutgers can give you Mr. Degrashe's character as a ropemaker. As the season is so favourable, we should be glad of your answer by first opportunity, that Mr. Degrashe may go to work if you approve of him.

We expect the stuff for the gun carriages soon; and as we must have the dimensions of the guns before the carriages can be made, should be glad to know where the guns are, and whether it would not be prudent to send a person to take measure of them.

There will be wanted a number of stores to fit the ships for sea. Would submit it to your honourable House whether it would not be prudent to appoint Captain Anthony Rutgers to assist in providing them. Agreeable to your desire, we have appointed Mr. Stephen Hendricks of this place to take care of the stores. Should be glad you would let us know whether we shall agree with him, as you stipulate his wages, to go to the yard once a day.

I am, with great esteem, gentlemen, your very humble servant,

SAMUEL TUDER.

To the Honourable PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, Esq., President of the Convention of the State of New York, at Fishkill.

Receipts for Arms and Ammunition.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 274, 278.]

Account of the Arms and Ammunition Brought off from the East End of Long Island By Coll° Henry B. Livingston and delivered by his order to Cap^{t} Nathaniel Platt the 9 Dec^{r} 1776 agreeable to the Directions of a Committee of the Convention of the State of New York Numbered and Valued by us,

THOMAS TREDWELL.
DANIEL ROE.

73 Muskets total value,	241 Dollars.	6 Cartouch Boxes at 8s.,	6 Dollars.
33 Bayonets at 8s. each,	33 Dollars.	3 Quarter Casks of Powder.	
9 Swords at 8s.,	9 Ditto.	2 Boxes & ½ of Ball.	

NEWHAVEN, Dec^{r} 10th 1776

Received the above articles of Coll° Henry B. Livingston By the hand of Cap^{t} John Davis.

Yours,
NATH^{L} PLATT.

NEWHAVEN, Dec^{r} 10, 1776.

Received of Coll° Henry B. Livingston by the hand of Cap^{t} John Davis, 28 Guns, 33 Bayonets, 33 Cartridge Boxes, 8 Cutlasses, one large Box of Bullets, Rec^{d} 4 or 500 W^{t} Part of another Box which were Taken from the Tories on Long Island.

P^{r} Me, NATH^{L} PLATT.

Pass for Lady Johnson and Mrs. Bruce.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 303.]

ALBANY, 10th Dec., 1776.

To all concerned.

The Bearer, Lady Johnson, is permitted to go to Fish kill in order to apply for a Pass to go to New York & it is requested that she may pass thither unmolested.

By order,
JOHN BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

ALBANY, 10th Dec., 1776.

To all concerned.

The Bearer Mrs. Jude Bruce, is permitted to go to Fish kill in order to apply for a Pass to go to New York & it is requested that she may pass thither unmolested.

By Order,

JOHN BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

Orders to March Troops to New Jersey.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 377.]

Dec. 10th 1776.

SIR: You are to assemble the Militia of your Brigade as soon as possible at Chester in the County of Orange & to march them from thence into this State of New Jersey if it can be done consistent with the security of the passes through the Highlands, which you are on no consideration ever to put it out of your power to regain. You are either to join Genl Lee or Gates if they should command separate bodies in New Jersey to hang on the Enemy's rear provided they are now or shall continue to be in such places as will enable you to do it without endangering the loss of the above passes, the regaining of which you are ever to have in view. If neither of those Genls should command such separate bodies or be in such a Situation as will enable you to join them consistent with the safety of those passes—or should after you have joined them or either of them make such a movement as will leave this state exposed you are then to form a separate Corps, & to co-operate with them as far as lays in your power in distressing the Enemy & raising & collecting the well affected & curbing & overawing the disaffected subjects of the State of New Jersey & to concur in every other measure with them which may in *your opinion* contribute to the Genl welfare of America without at any time losing sight of the necessity of keeping open your retreat to the above passes in the High Lands.

Minutes of the Committee on forming a Constitution.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 213.]

A meeting of the Membs of Govmt 5th Nov 1776 at the house of Capt Gardner, A. M.

The former proceedings read over.

Present Wm Smith, Capt Wisner, R. Livingston, Gen Scott, Mr. Duane, R. Yates.

P. M. Present the same.

The matter of the council taken up In what manner to be elected? What number 24, Shall they be elected by deputies (that is) People chosen for that purpose.

Voted for the Affirmative, Livingstone, Smith, Scott, Duane.

Against, Yates, Wisner.

Shall they be chosen from the People at large without reference to particular Counties.

For the Negative, Livingston, Wisner, Smith, Yates.

For the Affirmative, Scott, Duane.

That number of Deputies for Chusing the Senators shall be double the number of representatives for the time being—to be a quorum to be chosen by Ballot and the major part of the members present, Have the clause Impowering the legislator to disqualify.

At a meeting at Van Wycks the 6th P. M.

Present, W. Smith, Wisner, Livingston, Scot, Duane, Jay, Yates.

Plan taken up for the election of Senators, agreed that Mr. Duane prepare an Addition for to regulate the Rotations for the Senator out of a new County that may hereafter be established.

Then the executive part was taken up.

The Govenor shall be elected in the same manner as the Senators.

Voted in the Negative unanimous.

Mr. Wisner means that he may be voted by the free holders at large by ballot in each county, agreed unanimous.

The Legislature to have the power of Pardoning or Reprieving Criminals; the Lt Govenor to be Chairman as in the plan.

In respect to the council of State. Motion by Mr. Livingstone that he continue for 5 years—What number? Agreed 5 & 3 to be a quorum, to be appointed by joint ballot of the senators & assembly.

That the Secretary of State shall be the secretary of the Council.

The common & Statute laws agreed in restrictions, Impeachments of the Senators, judges of the Court, to be by ¾ part of the members who assisted at the trial—Agreed.

The Treasurer to be appointed by the act of the legislature originaly with the Genl Assembly provided he be not a member of the legislature—

At a meeting of the Committee of Government the 7th December 1776, A. M.

Present, Wm Duane, Wisner, Duer, Livingston, Smith, Yates.

That the Military officers shall be appointed by the council of State.

For, Duane, Livingston, Duer, Yates.

Agst, W. Smith.

That the commissions be during will & pleasure of the Govn & Council of State. Unanimous.

The appointment of Civil Officers left for further consideration, That the Governor give the Commission.

Shall the Judges be during good behaviour, Agreed—

At a meeting of the Committee 11th Dec 1776.

Present, Mr. G. Morris, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Duer, Yates.

In respect to the Civil Officers & whether they shall be considered in gross or divided,

Ye that are for dividing say Aye.

Ayes, Duane;

No, Livingston, De Witt, Wisner, Smith, Morris.

Motion that the word (in) be Raised & (from) substituted.

Ayes, Duane, Livingston, Wisner, Smith, Morris.

Nays, Mr. De wit, Wisner.

The question upon the clause within the Govenor shall name.

For the clause, Livingstone, Smith, Morris, Duane.

Against, Dewit, Wisner.

The word 65 (When the judges to leave his office) is agreed to unanimous.

Agreed that the Coroner & Sheriff be appointed annually.

Motion that the Sheriff & Coroner shall not be eligible more than 5 years successively, the Justices for 3 years.

Agreed to be left out.

The same with the Clerk.

The same with the Secretary of State.

The Clause for Supervisors &c agreed.

The clause for all other Officers to be chosen, agreed.

The Chancellors & Judges to sit in the senate but not vote, the delegates to be appointed by the Senate & Assembly to originate in the Senate.

The paragraph in respect to Religious Liberty amended. Agreed to.

The plan for encouraging Religion & Learning voted to be expunged.

For expunging, Morris, Smith, Livingston, Dewit.

Against, Duane, Wisner.

Clause agreed to exclude the Clergy from Civil Offices.

The Militia Clause agreed to concerning pay.

The Convention to President Hancock.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 146.]

Fishkill, 11th Decr 1776.

Sir: The Convention of the State of New York alarmed at the rapid progress of the enimy & not without apprehention for the safety of Philadelphia & New Jersey waited with anxiety for directions from the Hon[l] the Congress or requisitions from his Excellency Gn[l] Washington, which having not yet been happy enough to receive owing as they imagine either to the confusion occasioned by the retreat of our Army or the little hopes that was entertained of any assistance from a State which had sustained so many & such severe losses — They therefore venture to pass the enclosed resolution which appeared to them the most likely means to rouse the depressed spirits of the Militia of New Jersey, to Curb the disaffected — & divert the attention of the enemy from their principal object, as far as is consistent with the safety of this State, on which in a great manner depends that of all America & to the attack of which the enemy will most undoubtedly return if their designs are frustrated in New Jersey. These they hope will meet with the approbation of Congress — They some time since represented to the Hon[l] the Congress, the impossibility of finding Clothing for their troops raised within this State, owing to the enemie possessing their only Sea port, & a variety of other causes stated in a letter to their delegates of the last. A prayer that orders might be issued to supply them from the Continental Stores. this request they take the liberty to repeat, otherwise the new levies which they are daily raising must become useless and be unable to sustain a Winters Campaign, which in all probability they will be called upon to undergo. As much Cloathing has been purchased in the Eastern States they cannot but hope that sufficient supplies to cloath at least 2000 troops be immediately sent to this place, which in order to prevent delays the Convention will undertake to get made up and distributed if none that is already made can be procured. I have the honor to be with the utmost respect Yours &[c]

To the Hon. John Hancock Esq

Information Concerning a Flag of Truce.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 409.]

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York, }
Fishkill, Dec. 11th 1776. }

Whereas Information has this day been given to this committee that it is probable that under Cover of the Flag of Truce on Board of which the Wives of Messrs. Inglis, Livingston & Moore with the Families & Effects of their Husbands are to be conveyed from New Windsor by Mr. Tho[s] E. Uptons Sloop—property to a considerable Value belonging to other persons within this State may be conveyed in the said Sloop.

Resolved, therefore, that Major Fish & the Committe at New Windsor shall & are hereby authorized to take such ways & means for preventing such Conveyance of such property as Aforesaid as they or the majority of them shall think proper.

Report on the Letters of Charles Inglis and Others.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 417.]

Your Committe appointed on the 11th instant to consider the letters brought by the flag of Truce for the purpose of procuring liberty for sundry persons to go with their effects to New York, having deliberately considered the above several matters committed to them, Do report thereon in as follows, to wit:

1 With respect to the application of John Moore your committe is well informed that he demeaned himself in New York ever since the commencement of the present controversy as an insolent opponent to the American cause, that he held appointments under the Crown of Great Britian, in the Departments of the Customs

& Revenue & your Committee have no doubt that in adherence to the Enemies of the United States he still holds those appointments; and that he is publickly advertised as your committee is credibly informed as being Deputy Secretary of the State of New York appointed by authority derived from the King of Great Britian, to officiate in that Office during the absence of Samuel Bayard jun who was formerly Deputy Secretary of this State & is now a State Prisoner.

2 That with respect to the Reverend Charles Inglis your committee has the utmost reason to believe that he has ever been a dangerous & insidious enemy to the Liberties of the United States & that he was strongly disposed to adhere to their enemies, otherwise he would doubtless have removed into Ulster Co., where his Connections by Marriage would have rendered his residence with his family much more agreeable than at New York, and which he probably would have preferred had not his attachment to the unjust designs of the King & Parliament of Great Britian overbalanced all other considerations. That your committee have been credibly informed that through his connections in Ulster County he has maintained a dangerous correspondence with the Disaffected in that part of this State, & that he has been lately in Dutchess County for no other purpose as your committe conceive than to invigorate the seeds of Disloyalty to this & the other United States which have been so plentifully disseminated in that County—& that to finish his political character your committee is well informed that under the sacred protection of a Flag of Truce he is now possessed of a great number of copies of the late proclamation of Lord Howe & General Howe calculated to debauch the subjects of the United States from their most just & righteous allegiance, & which your committee conceives he would not have brought with him under that protection, but for the purpose of dispersing them by his agents through the country.

3^{dly} With respect to the application of Philip I. Livingston your committee report that he has been sheriff of the County of Dutchess, which office has from its nature given him great influence in the County, that while he resided in it he committed sundry overt acts of disloyalty to this & the other United States & not only fled from a sense of Guilt, but voluntarily put himself into the hands of the Enemy.

4^{thly} With respect to the application of James Jauncey, Jun., Esq., Your committe do report that he lately was & doubtless still claims to be one of the Council & Master of the Rolls under the late Gov^{r} of the State of New York & was apprehended & conveyed into the State of Connecticut as a Prisoner not only on acct of his holding those Offices, but also on acct of his connections by marriage with Sir Gilbert Elliott, a member of Parliament active against the libertys of America & one of the Cabinet as well as of the privy council of the King of Great Britian.

5^{thly} that with respect to his father no application being personaly made by him it would in the judgement of your Committee be a depreciation of the honor of this Convention to take any notice of the application of his son in his Behalf.

6^{thly} That with respect to Frederick Phillips your Committee are well informed that has exerted himself in promoting an association in West Chester County highly injurious to the American Cause, that his great estate in that County has necessarily created a vast number of dependents on his pleasure & that your Committee verily believe that the Shameful Defection of the Inhabitants of that County is in a great measure owing to his Influence.

7^{thly} With respect to Jacob Watson your Committee or some of them know him to be a Briton born, a quaker by profession & in principle inclined to submit to the British Government. That his Religious profession has exempted him from all services in this State, by which means he has had ample leisure & opportunity to pursue his private interest, which they have been informed he has indnstriously improved by monopolizing large quantities of Salt & other articles of merchandize the distribution of which by sale in small quantities in due season would have tended much to the Health & Happiness not only of the Continental Army but also of the loyal Inhabitants of this State. That from his two letters the one to Daniel Terboss & the other to Daniel Birdsell referred to your Committee It appears as follows that he had deposited in the hands of the former a quantity of salt which he had forbade him to sell, intending to apply it in the Package of Pork, but that since

understanding the Salt was much wanted, he directs him to dispose of it for Pork, Flax Seed, or good Firkin Butter & that if the Salt should already be disposed of his consignatory should lay out the money in Flax Seed, & it also appears that he has deposited in the hands of his other consignatory Birdsell not only a quantity of Salt, but also a quantity of Molasses which expecting they will be much wanted in Birdsalls neighbourhood he directs him to sell & lay out the money in Flax Seed, or Good Firkin Butter, & further that if any of the Salt or Molasses should be already sold to lay out the money in those Articles, from all which it appears to your Committee that while the said Jacob Watson Voluntarily lives under the protection of a Government inimical to this & the other United States, he is pursuing a commerce unfriendly to the Inhabitants of this State & in its prosecution dangerous to the liberties of America, as it affords the means of a communication which may be improved by the Enemies of the American Cause to the injury of the United States. That your Committee has been further informed that the said Jacob Watson is possessed of large quantities of Salt in the County of Albany & that the Inhabitants of this State are very much distressed by the want of Salt & Molasses.

8thly With respect to the case of Mrs Jane Knox, as she is a widow enjoying no great affluence your Committee conceives that tho' she has evinced her attachment to them by Voluntarily remaining in New York when she had it in her power to remove herself with her Effects into the Country yet that she cannot do mischief to the American Cause.

9thly That the case of Lady Johnson merits in the opinion of your Committee a particular attention, they are informed that she is a lady of Great artce & Political Intrigue, of great firmness of mind & most warmly attached to that interest which is inimical to the Freedom & Independence of the American States & has in your committees opinion done great Mischief by her address to the American Cause; that her Situation at Albany renders the communication between herself & her Husband who has by a breach of his parole, forfeited both his honor & Estate, extremely easy & therefore dangerous to the publick Safety.

Your committee having thus stated the political Character of the several persons whose cases have been submitted to their Consideration beg leave to advise.

1. That the Applications of John Moore, the Rev Charles Inglis & Philip J. Livingston be rejected not only because they conceive it would be dangerous to permit them to pass up into the Country; but because a permission to their Families to go to New York with their Effects and besides furnishing a dangerous Channel of Intelligence, prove an incentive to Rebellion & be an act of direct Aid & Comfort to the Enemies of the Freedom & Independence of the United States of North America.

2dly With respect to the application of James Jauncy and Frederick Phillips your committee beg leave to advise, that a permission to the former to go to New York would imply the consent of this Convention to his exercise of two most important offices under a Government which on acct of its tyranny the good people of this State have thought proper to reject; and that a like indulgence to the latter who requests liberty to return to his Family at Philipsburgh, would put it in the power of a professed Enemy of the American cause not only further to disaffect the inhabitants of West Chester County, but to put many of them in Arms against the United States of North America.

3dly With respect to Jacob Watson your Committee are of Opinion that independent of his personal Attahment to that Govmt which the enemies of American Liberty aim at establishing over us, discovered by his voluntary continuance among the Enemy his commercial scheme in which he may have monopolized at least two necessary articles of Consumption, and his intention to dispose of them at High prices not for Continental money; but for articles either fit for exportation under the Countenance of the Enemy or for their Consumption recommend his case to the particular attention of this Convention, not only on acct of a dangerous intercourse that may be maintained thro a mercantile channel, but from the evident proofs of his intending to exact high prices for the most necessary articles & his clear intention to maintain a Commerce prejudicial to the American States. Your Committe do therefore advise that proper Commissioners be appointed to seize such

commodities within this State as belong to the said Jacob Watson as may be necessary either for the Consumption of its Inhabitants or the use of the Continental Army & to inventory, report & detain the same subject to the order of this Convention.

4thly with Respect to Mrs Jane Knox your committee beg leave to recommend that her Effects may by permission of this Convention be conveyed to her by the vessell provided with a flag of truce now lying at Cortlandts Point under the command of the Continental —— Gally; but that previous to their embarkation proper persons may be appointed carefully to inspect the same to the end that no dangerous intelligence may be secretly conveyed in any of the packages.

5thly Your committee further report it as their opinion that all the applications above committed to them, whether consisting of Letters or Memorial except the case of Jane Knox be rejected & that the Flag of Truce & the persons who came up with the same & are now protected thereby be immediately ordered to return in the most direct manner to the City of New York & that Major Genl Heath or the Officer Commanding in his absence at Peeks Kill be furnished with a copy of as many of the Resolves of this Convention on the above subject as respects the matter referred by Major Genl Heath to the consideration of this Convention & be requested to attend to the return of the said Flag of Truce in such manner as if possible to prevent the communication of any person on Board with others on the Land.

6thly and Lastly. Your Committe being fully of opinion that the Residence of Lady Johnson at Albany under the above mentioned Circumstances may be highly detrimental to the American Cause & that a permission to her to return Home will be equally if not more injurious to it—do therefore earnestly recommend her immediate removal to one of the New England States under such circumstances as may be consistent with her rank and her Sex.

By order of the Committee,

Fish Kills, Dec 13th 1776. ABM YATES, Junr *Chairman.*

[The foregoing Report is a portion of the proceedings of the Provincial Congress reported as "missing" when the Journal was printed.]

New York Convention to General Washington.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 395.]

Sir: I am directed by the Convention of the State of New York to inform your Excellency that they have received an application from the wife of the reverend Charles Inglis for Leave to join her Husband now in the city of New York.* The Convention are much distressed to feel themselves by the Detention of Mrs. Lewis reduced to the unhappy necessity of refusing this reasonable Request. Ever determined to meet our Foes in the direct Line of opposition all the gentler Feelings of Humanity must give way to the forcible Claims of Duty, yet must we regret as men the Complicated Horrors of a war which accumulates private with Public Calamities & as Christians every unnecessary Infraction of those Solemn Bands which the God of Nature hath tied & forbidden us to unloose. We are sorry to trouble your Excellency on this occasion, & hope that for the future Women on both sides may be permitted to join their Husbands untill by some new Law of Nations it may be thought proper to establish a female Cartel.

We are with profound respect, &c.

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*Mrs. Inglis' Lotter, dated New Windsor, Nov. 8, 1776. is in Jour. of N. Y. Prov. Congress, II. 233. It was received Dec. 9, 1776. Mrs. Lewis, wife of Francis Lewis, was released in June, 1777, when she joined her husband at Baltimore.

Receipt of John McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 415.]

Received December 14th 1776 from P. V. B. Livingston, by the hands of Gerard Bancker Two Hundred & eighty Dollars on acct for Monies I have paid for supporting Prisoners of War. JOHN McKESSON,

280 Dollars. Commr for Prisoners of War.

Pay John McKesson one Hundred & Twelve Pounds on acct of moneys advanced by him to support Prisoners. COMFORT SANDS, *Aud. Genl.*

To GERARD BANCKER Esq.

Commissary Measam to the President of the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 34 : 217.]

TICONDEROGA, December 15th 1776.

SIR: The Congress having done me the Honor of appointing me Commissary of Cloathing for the Northern Army, it is therefore my duty to send for your Government a return of Cloathing wanting for the troops in this department. But as I have not the detail of the troops each State will Furnish for this department in the spring, I cannot at present furnish you with a particular return of the Cloathing wanted from your State nor have I been able to Complete the Regulation of this office and Cloath the Troops wintering here so as to return to Albany to make a general Return of all the Northern department, therefore fearing such delays should be Injurious to the Public service I send you the Inclosed Return for this particular post, that your Government may have Time to provide the Cloathing for their troops to be ordered to the Northern department and regulate the same with regard to numbers agreeable to the Inclosed return.

I beg leave to transmit for your Goverment also a Copy of the resolve of Congress relative to the Establishment of this Office, and am with all regards Sir Yours and the Publick's most Obedient and faithful servant, GEO. MEASAM.

To the Honorable The President of the Convention for the State of New York.

Return of Officers of Minute Company in South Part of Orange County.

[Mil. Ret. 27 : 202.]

SOUTH END, ORANGE COUNTY, December 16th 1776.

Minute Officers Chosen: Benjamin Coe, Captain; Abram Onderdonk, 1st Lieu; Paulus M. Vandervoort, 2d Lieut; Daniel Coe, Junr Ensign.

Chosen without Opposition by the Minute Company.

JOHANIS SMITH, } *Inspectors.*
RYNER QUAKENBOSS, }

JOHANNES J. BLAUVELT, Chairman.

A True Coppy from the return

Court-Martial on Peter Harris.

[Miscel. Pap. 35 : 413.]

FORT CONSTITUTION, Dec. 16th 1776.

At a Regimental Court Martial held this day, Capt Barnardus Swartwout, President, Lieut. Chas Platt, Lieut. Nathl Potter, Do Jacob Horton, Do Simeon Lefevre. Peter Harris Soldier of Capt Israel Neuss Company Col Jacobus Swartwouts Regi-

ment being brought before this Court & Charged with Desertion & threatning violence to his Capt & others—The Prisoner confesses the charge and owns himself guilty & prays the mercy of this Court—This Court are of Opinion that Peter Harris be guilty of Desertion & abuse in the grocest manner and think the most proper step they can take with him is to recommend him to the Convention for their Determination & Likewise to send a true state of his Crime which is as follows he being a Vollinteer & having deserted twice & takeing the full bounty & never done one months service and behaved himself otherwise very bad & now threatning Violence to them who offered to apprehend him swearing he would be revenged as soon as he was Discharged. BARNARDUS SWARTWOUT, *Capt.*

Certificate to Exempt Mr Seaden.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 411.]

I hereby certify that the Bearer hereof, Robert Carseaden, is an excellent workman at Spinning Wheel making, & that he & his Son is constantly & most necessarily employed in that Business. The former resourse to New York and Long Island being now cut off & the many good Crops of Flax in this Country Causes the Calls for Wheels very great and besides the call from the Country Mr. Seaden informs me that he is employed by an Agent from the Convention of this State to make a number for them. He therefore thinks his Son who is now ordered to march with the rest of the Militia, can be of more real service to the Country in staying at home & continuing at the business of Wheel Making. I am also of his opinion, for in case he goes into the Service their Wheel Making business must cease. As Mr. Seaden has a large Family it commonly takes up the greatest part of one mans time at the Business outdoors. I therefore think for the good of the Country that Mr. Seadens Son should be excused. THO^{s} PALMER.

New Burgh, 18th Dec., 1776.

To all whom it may concern.

Resolution to protect the Inhabitants of Westchester County.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 429.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, Dec. 19th 1776.

Whereas the condition of the Inhabitants of the County of Westchester, exposed to the Ravages of a Cruel & Merciless enemy, loudly calls for Assistance & Protection, and whereas the Main body of the Enemy have penetrated & are now employed in the western parts of the State of New Jersey, & the operations of the Troops under the command of Genl Heath & George Clinton in Orange & Bergen Counties, have diverted the Enemys forces which were left at Fort Washington & New York to that quarter, & it being therefore conceived that an expedition into the county of Westchester & the Island of New York promises success; provided it can be conducted with secresy, vigor, & Dispatch.

Resolved therefore that Genl George Clinton, Genl Scott, Mr. Duer, Mr. Morris & Mr. Langdon be & they are hereby authorized & directed to pursue all such ways & means as to them shall appear proper & necessary for carrying on such expedition, harassing & destroying the Enemy & protecting the persons & property of the good subjects of this State & for securing the Effects of all those who have fled to or joined the Enemy, & for the purpose aforesaid to levy & draw out such parts of the Militia of the Counties of Dutchess & Westchester as they may think necessary, and also to apply to the Commanding officer of the Continental Army for the Aid of Continental Troops & every other Assistance which the said Committe shall judge expedient.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Jane Howard to Governeur Morris.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 291.]

NEW WINDSOR, Dec. 20th 1776.

DR. SIR: Excuse my boldness in troubling you with a few lines beging your asistance for by having the pleasure of some small acquaintance with you, by being at both y^r good sisters Mrs. Wilkins & lastly at Mrs. Ogdens by which I flatter myself that your generous disposition glories not in seeing Individuals suffer for which I am under the necessity of troubling you with these lines beging your grand assistance in providing me with a pass from the Honourable Gentleman of the Convention which you have the pleasure of being a member of. Sir I dont mean to trouble you with many words but to show you my neeessityes is I have two Children belonging to my Sister, which must inevitably sufer if I cant be permitted to take them to York as their parents are there they being under my protection, & not able to suport them & all my goods are in York so D^r Sir I refer it to your superior Judgement & I beg you will assist me to a pass by the way of Hackensack. D^r Sir as winter is now at hand your compliance will ever oblige your Most obedient & very humble Serv^t, JANE HOWARD.

To Gov. MORRIS, Esqr.

Orders to the Captain of the Main Guard.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 341.]

PEEKS KILL, 20th Dec 1776.

To the Capt of the Main Guard:

SIR: Send to the Gen^l^s Quarters under a proper guard Sergt Tripp, Sergt Hathaway, Corporal Seers & Corporal Gray.

By order of Maj Gen^l Heath,

EBEN HUNTINGTON, *Dep^y Adjt. Genl.*

Resolution reviving the last Committee of Safety.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 463.]

FRIDAY MORNING, Dec. 20th 1776.

The Convention met.

Present. General Ten Broeck, President.

Resolved that the last Committee of Safety be revived in the same words with this addition "that it continue until further orders & meet in the recess of Convention & transact business." A Copy: JOHN M^cKESSON.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Orders to Major-General Spencer.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 439.]

To Maj Genl SPENCER: Dec 21st 1776.

SIR: From various intelligence received by the Convention there is reason to believe that the enemy are meditating a vigorous attack on the passes in the High lands on the east side of Hudsons River — for which reason all the Militia of Westchester, Dutchess & part of Albany Counties have been ordered to march to North Castle. The Convention have been informed that the Terms on which great part of your Division have been enlisted are nearly expired, and on their quitting that post before the arrival of the Militia would expose those very important Passes to the most eminent danger. The convention beg you will exert your utmost influence to detain them until such time as they may be discharged with less danger and injury to the American Cause. I am sir with great Respect Your most Obdt Servt By Order.

Resolutions to pay the Representatives of Counties in the possession of the Enemy.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 453.]

In Convention of the Representatives for the State of New York, }
Fish Kill, Dec. 21st 1776. }

Whereas the condition of this State invaded & surrounded by numerous enemies requires the constant sitting of Convention for the dispatch of the public business and

Whereas, the Enemy have possessed themselves of Long Island, Richmond County & the City & County of New York, and it is out of the power of the Committees of those Counties to provide for the support of their respective representatives who being driven from their Habitations & deprived of their Estates are the less able to subsist at their own private expense while they are burthened with the accumulated charge of maintaining their Families & attending on the business of the State —

Resolved, therefore that this Convention will advance on the credit of the said respective Counties the allowances heretofore given to the Representatives of the said Counties in Convention and which are in arrear since the Fourteenth day of May last — And to the Representatives of the City and County of New York, ten Shillings per day respectively, such allowance to be computed from the time the Convention removed to the White Plains.

Resolved, that the said allowances be made on the Certificate of the President or Vice President of the Convention or of the Chairman of the Committee of Safety, and that the Treasurer pay the same on such certificate accordingly.

Resolved, that the sums allowed and paid to such Representatives be charged to the acct of the Cities & Counties which they respectively represent.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Resolutions calling out the Militia of Westchester, Dutchess, and Albany.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 457.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York, }
Fishkill, Dec. 21, 1776. }

Whereas, from various intelligence received of the motions and designs of the enemy's Army it appears highly probable that they meditate an attack upon the Passes of the Highlands on the east side of Hudsons River, and whereas the term of the enlistment of the Millitia under the command of Brig. Gen. George Clinton which is at present stationed to defend the pass at Pecks Kill expires on the last of this month; and that of great part of the Division commanded by Major Gen'l Spencer which is stationed at North Castle on the 29th inst: And

Whereas his Excellency Gen'l Washington by his letter of the 15th inst has warmly recommended to this State to exert themselves in procuring temporary supplies of Militia till the new levies of the Continental Army can be brought into the field.

Resolved, that the whole Militia of the Counties of Westchester, Dutchess and that part of the county of Albany which lies to the southard of Beeren Island be forthwith marched to North Castle in Westchester County well equipped with arms and ammunition and furnished with six days provisions, and Blankets and a Pot or Camp Kettle to every six men except such Persons as the Field Officers of the respective Regmts shall judge cannot be called into service without greatly distressing their families, or who may be actually engaged in the manufacturing of Salt Petre or of shoes and Clothing for the use of the Army.

Resolved, that the sd Militia be allowed Continental Pay and Rations, that such men as cannot furnish themselves with Arms shall be supplied from the public Stores.

Resolved, that the Colos or Commanding Officers of the respective Regiments be empowered to hire or empress as many wagons or sleighs as shall be sufficient for

transporting the Baggage of the Respective Regiments to their place of Rendezvous,

And Whereas, a secret committee appointed by the Convention of this State on the 19th inst., have in pursuance of the authority given them directed a number of Voluntiers to be raised under the command of the Colo Dubois, Graham and Thomas, and Lt Colo Hammer and Capt Dutcher.

Resolved, that all such Voluntiers be left under the direction and Command of the Officers under whom they have been respectively engaged and not marched out with the body of the Militia.

Resolved, that the said Militia when called out shall be stationed at such posts and obey such orders as they shall from time to time receive from a committee for that purpose, to be appointed by the Convention of this State.

Resolved that Robert R. Livingston, Henry Wisner and Zephaniah Platt Esq be a committee for that purpose, and that they be further empowered to discharge from the Militia such mechanicks as the public service or the necessity of the inhabitants may render expedient.

Resolved that a letter be written and sent by express to Gen George Clinton informing him that the Convention of this State have reason to think that the enemy have in view to penetrate the passes of the Highlands on the east side of Hudsons River. That the term of enlistment of great part of the Division under the command of Major Genl Spencer expires on the 29th inst and submitting to his directions the propriety of immediately crossing Hudsons River with the whole or part of the Militia under his command to secure the Post at North Castle, till such time as the Militia of Albany, Dutchess and Westchester shall march to that post or a proper Provision shall be made for defeating the enemys Design.

Resolved that Gen Spencer be requested to exert his utmost Influence with the Troops under his command to continue in service till such time as the Militia of this State shall arrive at the post now occupied by his Division.

Resolved that Col Trumbull Commissary Genl of the Continental Army & Col Hughes Assistant Qr Mr Genl be informed that a body of Militia of this State will march to secure the Post now occupied by Genl Spencer in Westchester County with the utmost dispatch; in order that they may make a proper and timely Provision for the accommodation and subsistence of the said Militia.

Resolved that application be made to Col Chevers Commissary of Ordnance Stores for the loan of as many firelocks and Cartouch Boxes as may be necessary to equip such of the said Militia now called into service as may be destitute of the same & that this Convention will indemnify him for this loan.

Extracts from the Minutes:

ROBERT BENSON, *Secry*.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

John McKesson to ——.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 461.]

Dutchess County, Dec. 21st 1776.

Sir: In the room I formerly occupied to wit the second house on the right-hand side of Maiden Lane above the fly markett a large book Case I left about 40 vols of Books principally belonging to the executors or Infant Grand Children of John Roosevelt Esq late of Kings County decd — I also left in the same house many articles of Furniture a small part my own property, the greater part belonging to the Widow and Infant son of John Bassett decd If you will be so kind as to pay such attention to the effects in that House as to prevent their being wasted and embezzled you will do an act of great Kindness to the distressed proprietors & very greatly oblige Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant.

Petition of Lieutenant Marvin.

[Petitions, 33: 56.]

To the Honorable Congress at the Fishkills.

Gentlemen: I having from the first of the unhappy controverey betwen Great Britton and the States of america ingaged in the servis of my country not from sinister views to advance my privet intrest, but puerly for the good of my country and to maintain the libarty of the same think it but reasonable that I should be continued in the same considering I have seacrefised my intrest in the cause of my country, and but just escaped with my life and the lives of my famely Leaving all to be destroyed by our unnatral Enemies, and not being duly represented, I am Gentlemen under the Disagreeable Necessaty to represent my case to you myself. I served the last year a first Lieu[t] in the first Company in ye 3[rd] New York Rig[t] and this year in the same capacety in the first Company in the Second New York Rig[t] and for what I know have given good seatisfaction both to officers and men and if theire is eny person hath brought enything against me to your Honourable House to wrong my carieture, I should be glad to know it that I might defend it and on the conterary if I am deserving such treetment, I shall calmly Retire from the Servis and Leave it for these who are more deserving. I would therefore petition your Hon[ble] House to take my case into your wise consideration, and if in your wisdom you think proper to do enything for me it will be Greatfully Ecknoledged by your Honour's most Humble Servant, BENJ[N] MARVIN.

23[rd] Dec[r] 1776.

Petition of Inhabitants of Westchester County.

[American Archives, 5th series, 3: 1379.]

Westchester County, December 23, 1776.

We, the Subscribers, inhabitants of the County of Westchester, and members of the General Committee for said county, do for ourselves and our suffering brethren, beg leave to lay before the honourable Convention the distressed situation they are at present in, praying that the Convention will take this important matter into their immediate consideration, and grant the good inhabitants of said County such relief as they in their wisdom may think expedient, and the necessity of the case required.

First, that the inhabitants of said County are in continual danger of being made prisoners, and their farms and habitations plundered by Robert Rogers' party, consisting of about seven hundred men, who daily make excursions in divers parts of said County, and taking with them by force of arms many of its good inhabitants, also their stock, grain, and every thing else that falls in their way, laying waste and destroying all that they cannot take with them, whereby the friends to this State who reside in this quarter, are deprived of the necessaries of life.

Secondly, that we did apply to Colonel Budd, desiring him to raise the Militia for our relief, who replied that as most of the well-affected and able part of the Militia were in the service, it was impossible for him to raise such a number of men as the nature of our request required.

Thirdly, that although there were two brigades quartered in said County, they did not (although not unacquainted with our distress) afford us any relief or assistance, and that we did apply to General Spencer (then stationed near the White Plains), praying him to assist us, but we never received any answer to our request. He, in a few days after, removed from that place to North Castle Church, leaving us entirely exposed to the ravages and cruelties of the enemy; that we are well informed, on General Spencer's being asked why he retreated so far back, he replied that he thought us not worth defending. And General Wooster, who is now stationed at the Saw-Pitts, in the eastern part of the County, affords us no assistance; and we have been informed that some of his officers should have said that they would not defend the State, and if the enemy should make their appearance, they would retreat to the borders of Connecticut, and there make a stand. We

would further inform your honourable House, that many of the Eastern troops, while in our country, instead of protecting its inhabitants from the enemy, did plunder and distress them more than the very enemy themselves, taking off with them our stock, household furniture, and even our farming utensils. From this alone, gentlemen, it must clearly appear to you, that we cannot expect any relief from that quarter.

From the above relation of facts, and many other circumstances that you are not unacquainted with, we make no doubt will induce you without delay to give us such relief as our much-distressed country now loudly calls for. We rely upon you, gentlemen, for assistance. Our lives and every thing near and dear to us depends on you for their preservation.

JOHN THOMAS, Jr., *Chairman Com.*
WM. MILLER, *Deputy Com.*
JOSEPH YOUNG,
PETER VAN TASSEL,
FRED. JAY.

Report on the Petition from Westchester County.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 329.]

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the Inhabitants of the County of West Chester beg Leave to report the following Resolutions.

That an Expedition be made into the said County of West Chester under the command of Col° Malcolm for which Purpose the said Col° Malcolm be immediately ordered over with his Regiment to Peekskill.

That the Commanding officer at Peekskill be requested to put Col° Thomas with his Regiment under the Command of Col° Malcolm.

That the Militia of the said County be encouraged to join the Troops aforesaid with four Days Provisions for which purpose Major Lockwood be immediately Sent among them and to concert a Place of Rendevous for those who are willing to serve with secrecy & Dispatch. That such Militia be allowed Continental Pay & Rations; that the Commissary at Peekskill be requested to furnish such Rations & in default thereof that the said Major Lockwood be impowered to appoint a Commissary for the purpose afores[d]

That the Rangers daily expected from Albany be also put under the command of Col° Malcolm immediately upon their arrival.

That the Troops under the command of Capt. Scribner be also subjected to his command.

That Col° Malcolm be ordered to take the most effectual measures for apprehending or destroying such of the Enemies Rangers & other their Troops as may be found in the Said County—as also for the bringing away from such Parts of the said County as are more immediately exposed to the Enemy all Forage, Grain, Cattle, sheep, Horses, &c., giving Receipts therefor to the parties from whom the same are taken respectively, and burning all Boats along the Sound as far Eastward as Rie inclusively if necessary, and that for these purposes he be impowered to press Teams, Carts, Waggons, Horses, &c., the Expenses thereof to be paid by Stephen Ward, Esqr.

That the said Major Lockwood be ordered to wait upon the said Commanding Officer at Peekskill with a copy of these Resolutions & of the said Petition and also to concert measures with the said Stephen Ward & Col° Malcolm, & that he be furnished with the sum of five hundred pounds for defraying the incidental Expenses of the Said Expedition and account therefor with this Committee or Convention.

That a Letter be written to Genl George Clinton requesting the Regiments of Col° Malcolm & Col° Thomas for the purposes aforesaid & that Major Lockwood wait upon him with the same.*

* For this letter see Jour. Prov. Cong. I. 749.

That Majr Lockwood explain to Genl Heath the reasons upon which the Convention have formed this expedition & inform him that in the opinion of this Committee that it will not hazard the loss of the defiles to which they can return upon the earliest notice.

That he endeavor to obtain from Genl Heath provision, particularly Hard bread & whatever else may be necessary for forwarding the intentions of the above resolutions.

That he apply to the Quarter Master at Peekskill for his aid in removing Forage from the County of Westchester—& to the Commissary requesting him to purchase such cattle as may be driven in for the use of the Army.

That He have power to devise & carry into execution any plan for obtaining ammunition & to make use of the lead & powder belonging to this State at Peekskill or this place.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this State advance to Major Ebenezer Lockwood the Sum of five hundred Pounds for defraying the incidental expences attendg an intended Expedition under the Command of Colo Malcolm against Major Rodgers, his Rangers, & other the enemy's Troops in Westchester County & for bringing off the forage, Grain, Cattle, &c from such parts of the said County as are most exposed to the enemy, pursuant to Resolutions of this Committee passed this day.

Resolved that Colo Malcolm do cause all the Forage, Grain, Cattle, Sheep, Horses, &c which by the Resolutions of yesterday he is directed to take from Such Parts of the County of West Chester as are more immediately exposed to the Enemy to be removed to Peekskill or such other Place or Places as Stephen Ward, Esqr in the said Resolutions mentioned shall direct.

Resolved that the said Stephen Ward be and he hereby is impowered & directed to sell and dispose of such Forage, Grain, Cattle, Sheep, Horses, &c and that for the Purpose afsd he do apply to the Commissaries & Quarter Masters of the Continental Army for the time being in West Chester County aforesaid, and that in case they shall decline to purchase the same then and in such case he shall make sale thereof to such Persons as he shall think proper.

Resolved that the money arising from such sales be disposed of as followeth to wit: that such of the Inhabitants of the said County as already have removed or immediately hereafter shall remove from the Southwestern parts thereof into the more interior Country, shall receive the Ballance of the sales of such things as they shall respectively produce Receipts for after deducting the Expence of Cartage, &c and that the Remainder of the monies arising from the sales by him the said Stephen Ward to be made as aforesaid be paid to the Treasurer of this Convention.

Address of the Convention of the State of New York to their Constituents.

[American Archives, 5th series, 3: 1382.]

At this most important period, when the freedom and happiness, or the slavery and misery, of the present and future generations of Americans, is to be determined on, a solemn appeal to the Supreme Ruler of all events—to whom every individual must one day answer for the part he now acts—it becomes the duty of the Representatives of a free people to call their attention to this most serious subject, and the more so at a time when their enemies are industriously endeavoring to delude, intimidate and seduce them by false suggestions, artful misrepresentations and insidious promises of protection.

You and all men were created free, and authorized to establish civil government, for the preservation of your rights against oppression, and the security of that freedom which God hath given you, against the rapacious hand of tyranny and lawless power. It is, therefore, not only necessary to the well-being of society, but the duty of every man, to oppose and repel all those, by whatever name or title distinguished,

who prostitute the powers of Government to destroy the happiness and freedom of the people over whom they may be appointed to rule.

Under the auspices and direction of Divine Providence, your forefathers removed to the wilds and wilderness of America. By their industry they made it a fruitful, and by their virtue, a happy country. And we should still have enjoyed the blessings of peace and plenty, if we had not forgotten the source from which those blessings flowed, and permitted our country to be contaminated by the many shameful vices which have prevailed among us.

It is a well known truth, that no virtuous people were ever oppressed; and it is also true that a scourge was never wanting for those of an opposite character. Even the Jews, those favorites of Heaven, met with the frowns, whenever they forgot the smiles of their benevolent Creator. By tyrants of Egypt, of Babylon, of Syria, and of Rome, they were severely chastised. And those tyrants themselves, when they had executed the vengeance of Almighty God, their own crimes bursting on their own heads, received the rewards justly due to their violation of the sacred rights of mankind.

You were born equally free with the Jews, and have as good a right to be exempted from the arbitrary domination of Great Britain as they had from the invasions of Egypt, Babylon, Syria or Rome. But they, for their wickedness, were permitted to be scourged by the latter, and we, for our wickedness, are scourged by tyrants, as cruel and implacable as those.

Our case, however, is peculiarly distinguished from theirs. Their enemies were strangers, unenlightened, and bound to them by no ties of gratitude or consanguinity. Our enemies, on the contrary, are themselves Christians. They are of a nation and people bound to us by the strongest ties—a people by whose sides we have fought and bled, whose power we have contributed to raise, who owe much of their wealth to our industry, and whose grandeur has been augmented by our exertions.

It is unnecessary to remind you that, during the space of between one and two hundred years, every man sat under his own vine and his own fig-tree, and there was none to make him afraid. That the people of Britain never claimed a right to dispose of us, and every thing belonging to us, according to their will and pleasure, until the reign of the present King of that Island. And that, to enforce this abominable claim, they have invaded our country by sea and by land. From this extravagant and iniquitous claim, and from the unreasonable as well as cruel manner in which they would gain our submission, it seems as though Providence were determined to use them as instruments to punish the guilt of this country, and bring us back to a sense of duty to our Creator.

You may remember that, to obtain redress of the many grievances to which the King and Parliament of Great Britain had subjected you, the most dutiful petitions were presented, not only by the several Assemblies, but by the Representatives of all America, in General Congress. And you cannot have forgot with what contempt they were neglected. Nay, the humblest of all petitions, praying only to be heard, was answered by the sound of the trumpet and clashing of arms. This, however, is not the only occasion on which the hearts of Kings have been hardened; and in all probability it will add to the number of those instances in which their oppression, injustice and hardness of heart have worked their destruction.

Bound by the strongest obligations to defend the inheritance which God hath given us, to Him we referred our cause, and opposed the assaults of our taskmasters, being determined rather to die free than slaves, and entail bondage on our children.

By our vigorous efforts, and by the goodness of Divine Providence, those cruel invaders were driven from our country in the last campaign. We then flattered ourselves that the signal success of our arms, and the unanimity and spirit of our people, would have induced our foes to desist from the prosecution of their wicked designs, and disposed their hearts to peace. But peace we had not yet deserved. Exultation took place of thanksgiving, and we ascribed that to our own powers which was only to be attributed to the great guardian of the innocent.

The enemy with greater strength again invade us—invade us not less by their arts than their arms. They tell you that if you submit you shall have protection;

that their King breathes nothing but peace; that he will revise (not repeal) all his cruel acts and instructions, and will receive you into favour. But what are the terms on which you are promised peace? Have you heard of any except absolute, unconditional obedience and servile submission? If his professions are honest — if he means not to cajole and deceive you — why are you not explicitly informed of the terms, and whether the Parliament mean to tax you hereafter at their will and pleasure? Upon this and the like points, these Military Commissioners of peace are silent; and, indeed, are not authorized to say a word, unless a power to grant pardon implies a power to adjust claims and secure privileges, or unless the bare possession of life is the only privilege which Americans are to enjoy. For a power to grant pardon is the only one which their Parliament or Prince have thought proper to give them. And yet they speak of peace. But they hold daggers in their hands. They invite you to accept of blessings, and stain your habitations with blood. Their voice resembles the voice of Jacob, but their hands are like the hands of Esau.

If their Sovereign intends to repeal any of the acts we complain of, why are they not especially named? If he designs you shall be free, why does he not promise that the claims of his Parliament, to bind you in all cases whatsoever, shall be given up and relinquished? If a reasonable peace was intended, why did he not empower his Commissioners to treat with the Congress, or with Deputies from all the Assemblies; or why was not some other mode devised, in which America might be heard? Is it not highly ridiculous for them to pretend that they are authorized to treat of a peace between Britain and America, with every man they meet? Was such a treaty ever heard of before? Is such an instance to be met with in the history of mankind? No! The truth is, peace is not meant; and the specious pretences and proclamations, are calculated only to disunite and deceive.

If the King of Britain really desires peace, why did he order all your vessels to be seized and confiscated? Why did he most cruelly command that the men found on board such vessels, should be added to the crews of his ships of war, and compelled to fight against their own countrymen; to spill the blood of their neighbors and friends, nay, of their fathers, their brothers and children? And all this before his pretended ambassadors of peace had arrived on our shores. Does any history, sacred or profane, record any thing more impious, more horrible, more execrably wicked, tyrannical or devilish? If there be one single idea of peace in his mind, why does he order your cities to be burnt, your country desolated, your brethren to starve and languish and die in prisons? If any thing was intended besides destruction, devastation, and bloodshed, why are the mercenaries of Germany transported near four thousand miles, to plunder your houses, to ravish your wives and daughters, to strip your infant children, to expose whole families naked, miserable, and forlorn, to want, to hunger, to inclement skies, and wretched deaths? If peace were not totally reprobated by him, why are those pusillanimous, deluded, servile wretches among you, who for present ease or impious bribes, would sell their liberty, their children, and their souls; who, like savages, worship every devil who promises not to hurt them, or obey any mandates however cruel, for which they are paid;—how is it that these sordid, degenerate creatures, who bow the knee to this King, and daily offer incense at his shrine, should be denied the peace so repeatedly promised them? Why are they indiscriminately abused, robbed, and plundered, with their more deserving neighbours? But in this world as in the other, it is right and just that the wicked should be punished by their seducers.

In a word, if peace was the desire of your enemies, and humanity their object, why do they thus trample under foot every right and every duty, human and divine? Why, like the demons of old, is their wrath to be expiated only by human sacrifices? Why do they excite the savages of the wilderness to murder our inhabitants, and exercise cruelties unheard of among civilized nations? No regard for religion or virtue remains among them. Your very churches bear witness of their iniquity; your churches are used without hesitation as jails, as stables, and as houses of sport and theatrical exhibitions. What faith, what trust, what confidence, can you repose in these men, who are deaf to the call of humanity, dead to every sentiment of religion, and void of all regard for the temple of the Lord of Hosts?

And why all this desolation, bloodshed, and unparalleled cruelty? They tell you to reduce you to obedience. Obedience to what? To their sovereign will and pleasure! And what then? Why then you shall be pardoned because you consent to be slaves. And why should you be slaves now, having been freemen ever since this country was settled? Because, forsooth, the King and Parliament of an island three thousand miles off, choose that you should be hewers of wood and drawers of water for them. And is this the people whose proud domination you are taught to solicit? Is this the peace which some of you so ardently desire? For shame! for shame!

But you are told that their armies are numerous, that their fleet strong, their soldiers valiant, their resources great; that you will be conquered; that victory ever attends their standard; and therefore that your opposition is vain—your resistance fruitless. What then? You can but be slaves at last, if you should think life worth holding on so base a tenure.

But who is it that gives victory? By whom is a nation exalted? Since what period hath the race been always to the swift, and the battle to the strong? Can you be persuaded that the merciful King of kings hath surrendered His crown and sceptre to the merciless tyrant of Britain, and committed the affairs of this lower world to his guidance, control, and direction? We learned otherwise from our fathers; and God himself hath told us, that strength and numbers avail not against Him. Seek, then, to be at peace with Him; solicit His alliance, and fear not the boasted strength and power of your foes.

You may be told that your forts have been taken, your country ravaged, and that your armies have retreated, and therefore that God is not with you. It is true that some forts have been taken, that our country hath been ravaged, and that our Maker is displeased with us. But it is also true that the King of Heaven is not like the King of Britain, implacable. If His assistance be sincerely implored, it will surely be obtained. If we turn from our sins, He will turn from His anger—Then will our arms be crowned with success, and the pride and power of our enemies, like the arrogance and pride of Nebuchadnezzar, will vanish away. Let us do our duty, and victory will be our reward. Let a general reformation of manners take place; let no more widows and orphans, compelled to fly from their peaceful abodes, complain that you make a market of their distress, and take cruel advantage of their necessities; when your country is invaded and cries aloud for your aid, fly not to some secure corner of a neighboring State, and remain idle spectators of her distress, but share in her fate, and manfully support her cause; let universal charity, publick spirit, and private virtue, be inculcated, encouraged, and practised; unite in preparing for a vigorous defence of your country, as if all depended on your own exertions; and when you have done these things, then rely upon the good Providence of Almighty God for success, in full confidence, that without His blessing all our efforts will eventually fail.

A people moving on these solid principles never have, and never will be, subjugated by any tyrant whatever. Cease, then, to desire the flesh-pots of Egypt, and remember their task-masters and oppressions. No longer hesitate about rejecting all dependence on a King, who will rule you only with a rod of iron. Tell those who blame you for declaring yourselves independent, that you have done no more than what your late King had done for you. That he declared you to be out of his protection. That he absolved you from all allegiance—That he made war upon you, and instead of your King, he became your enemy and destroyer. By his consent, by his own act, you became independent of his Crown. If you are wise, you will always continue so. Freedom is now in your power. Value the heavenly gift. Remember, if you dare to neglect or despise it, you offer an insult to the Divine Bestower. Nor despair of keeping it. Despair and despondency mark a little mind, and indicate a groveling spirit. After the armies of Rome had been repeatedly defeated by Hannibal, that Imperial City was besieged by this brave and experienced General, at the head of a numerous and victorious army. But so far was her glorious citizens from being dismayed by the loss of so many battles, and of all of their country, so confident in their own virtues and the protection of Heaven, that the

very land on which the Carthagenians were encamped was sold at publick auction for more than the usual price. Those heroick citizens disdained to receive his protections or to regard his proclamations. They remembered that their ancestors had left them free—ancestors who had bled in rescuing their country from the tyranny of Kings. They invoked the protection of the Supreme Being. They bravely defended their city with undaunted resolution; they repelled the enemy, and recovered their country. Blush, then, ye degenerate spirits, who give all over for lost, because your enemies have marched through three or four Counties in this and a neighboring State—ye who basely fly, to have the yoke of slavery fixed upon your necks, and to swear that you and your children after you shall be slaves forever! Such men deserve to be slaves, and are fit only for beasts of burden to the rest of mankind. Happy would it be for America if they were removed away, instead of continuing in this country, to people it with a race of animals who, from their form, must be classed among the human species, but possess none of those qualities which render man more respectable than the brutes.

There never yet was a war in which victory and success did not sometimes change sides. In the present nothing has happened either singular or decisive. Inquire dispassionately, and be not deceived by those artful tales which emissaries from the enemy so industriously circulate.

A powerful and well-disciplined army, supported by a respectable fleet, invade this country. They are opposed by an army which, though numerous and brave, is quite undisciplined. Notwithstanding this manifest disparity, they have never thought it prudent to give us battle, though they have often had the fairest opportunities. True it is, that taking advantage of that critical moment when our forces are almost disbanded, they have penetrated into Jersey, and marched a considerable distance without being attacked. If any are alarmed at this circumstance, let them consider that we do not fight for a few acres of land, but for freedom—for the freedom and happiness of millions yet unborn. Would it not be highly imprudent to risk such important events upon the issue of a general battle, when it is certain Great Britain cannot long continue the war, and by protracting it we cannot fail of success? The British Ministry, sensible of this truth, and convinced that the people of England are aware of it, have promised that the present campaign shall be the last. They are greatly and justly alarmed at their situation. A country drained of men and money, the difficulties of supplying fleets and armies at so great a distance, the dangers of domestick insurrections, the probability that France will take advantage of their defenceless condition, the ruin of their commerce by our privateers—these are circumstances at which the boldest are dismayed. They are convinced that the people will not remain long content in such a dangerous situation; hence it is that they press so hard to make this campaign decisive; and hence it is that we should endeavour to avoid it. Even suppose that Philadelphia, which may be believed to be of such great importance, suppose it was taken or abandoned, the conquest of America will still be at a great distance. Millions, determined to be free, still remain to be subdued—millions who disdain to part with their liberties, their consciences, and the happiness of their posterity in future ages, for infamous protections and dishonourable pardons.

But amidst all the terror and dismay which have taken hold upon some weak minds, let us consider the advantage under which we prosecute the present war. Our country supplies us with every commodity which is necessary for life or defence. Arms and ammunition are now abundantly manufactured in almost all the American States, and our armies will be abundantly supplied with all military stores. We have more fighting men in America than Britain can possibly send. Our trade is free, and every port of France and Spain affords protection to our ships. Other nations, invited by the advantages of the commerce, will doubtless soon follow their example; and experience must convince the most incredulous that the British navy cannot exclude us from the sea. If their armies have invaded, ravaged, and plundered our dominions and our people, have we not successfully attacked them on their boasted empire of the ocean? Have not our privateers brought into our ports of America British property to the amount of more than

fifteen hundred thousand pounds? And do we not daily receive the most valuable cargoes from foreign countries, in spite of those fleets whose colours have waved in triumph over the globe? The article of salt, about which some of you have been uneasy, will soon be fully supplied. The shores of America are washed by the ocean for more than two thousand miles. Works for manufacturing salt have been erected and proved successful, and many cargoes of it are expected, and have arrived in the neighbouring States. Provisions of every kind abound among us. From our plenteous stores Great Britain hath heretofore supplied her necessities, though she now most wantonly and ungratefully abuses the kind hand which hath ministered to her wants and alleviated her distress. As to clothing, the rapid increase of our manufacturers, and the supplies we obtain from abroad, quiet all fears upon that subject.

By the most authentick intelligence from Europe, we are informed that the people of France are ripe for a war with Britain, and will not omit the present opportunity of extending their commerce and humbling their rival. Every State in Europe beheld with a jealous eye the growing power of the British empire, and the additional strength she daily received from this amazing Continent; for they could not but perceive that their own security was diminished in proportion as her power to injure them increased. Whence is it, then, that some persons pretend to assure you that France, Spain, and the other European States, are not disposed to favour you? The wise and virtuous of all nations have pronounced our cause to be just, and approved the manner in which our resistance hath been conducted.

Whoever, therefore, considers the natural strength and advantage of this country, the distance it is removed from Britain, the obvious policy of many European Powers, the great supplies of arms and ammunition cheerfully offered us by the French and Spaniards, and the feeble and destitute condition of Britain, — that she is drained of men and money, obliged to hire foreign mercenaries for the execution of her wicked purposes; in arrears to her troops for a twelvemonth's pay, which she cannot or will not discharge; her credit sunk; her trade ruined; her inhabitants divided; her King unpopular and her Ministers execrated; that she is overwhelmed with a monstrous debt, cut off from the vast revenue heretofore obtained by taxes on American produce; her West-India Islands in a starving condition; her ships taken; her merchants involved in bankruptcy; her designs against us wicked, unjust, cruel, contrary to the laws of God and man, pursued with implacable, unrelenting vengeance, and in a manner barbarous and opposed to the usage of civilized nations; — whoever considers that we have humbly sought peace and been refused; that we have been denied even a hearing; all our petitions rejected; all our remonstrances disregarded; that we fight not for conquest but only for security; that our cause is the cause of God, of human nature and posterity; — whoever, we say, seriously considers these things, must entertain very improper ideas of the Divine justice to which we have appealed, and be very little acquainted with the course of human affairs, to harbour the smallest doubt of our being successful.

Remember the long and glorious struggle of the United Netherlands against the power of Spain, to which they had once been subjected. Their extent was small, their country poor, their people far from numerous, and unaccustomed to arms, and in the neighborhood of their enemies Spain, at that time the most powerful kingdom in Europe, her fleet formidable, her armies great, inured to war, and led by the best Generals of the age, and her Treasury overflowing with the wealth of Mexico and Peru — endeavoured to enslave them. They dutifully remonstrated against the design. Their petitions were treated with contempt, and fire and sword was carried into their country to compel submission. They nobly resolved to be free. They declared themselves to be independent States, and after an obstinate struggle, frustrated the wicked intentions of Spain.

Switzerland presents us with another instance of magnanimity. That country was oppressed by cruel tyrants, but the people refused to continue in bondage. With arms in their hands they expelled those tyrants, and left to their descendants the portion of freedom.

Even England, whose Genius now blushes for the degeneracy of her sons, hath

afforded examples of opposition to tyranny which are worthy to be imitated by all nations. His sacred Majesty Charles the First, lost his head and his Crown by attempting to enslave his subjects; and His sacred Majesty James the Second, was for the same reason expelled the Kingdom, with his whole family, and the Prince of Orange chosen King in his stead. The English were too wise to believe that the person of any tyrant could be sacred, and never suffered any man to wear the Crown who attempted to exercise the powers of royalty to the destruction of the people from whom those powers were derived.

This practice is not only consistent with human reason, but perfectly consonant to the will and practice of God himself. You know that the Jews were under his peculiar direction, and you need not be informed of the many instances in which he took the crown from such of their Kings as refused to govern according to the laws of the Jews.

If, then, God hath given us freedom, are we responsible to him for that as well as other talents? If it be our birthright, let us not sell it for a mess of pottage, nor suffer it to be torn from us by the hand of violence! If the means of defence are in our power and we do not make use of them, what excuse shall we make to our children and our Creator? These are questions of the deepest concern to us all. These are questions which materially affect our happiness, not only in this world but in the world to come. And surely, "if ever a test for the trial of spirits can be necessary, it is now. If ever those of liberty and faction ought to be distinguished from each other, it is now. If ever it is incumbent on the people to know truth and to follow it, it is now."

Rouse, therefore, brave Citizens! Do your duty like men! and be persuaded that Divine Providence will not permit this Western World to be involved in the horrours of slavery. Consider that from the earliest ages of the world, Religion, Liberty and Empire, have been bounding their course towards the setting sun. The Holy Gospels are yet to be preached to those Western regions, and we have the highest reason to believe that the Almighty will not suffer Slavery and the Gospel to go hand in hand. It can not, it will not be.

But if there be any among us dead to all sense of honour and love of their country; if deaf to all the calls of liberty, virtue, and religion; if forgetful of the magnanimity of their ancestors, and the happiness of their children; if neither the examples and success of other nations, the dictates of reason and of nature, or the great duties they owe to their God, themselves, and their posterity, have any effect upon them; if neither the injuries they have received, the prize they are contending for, the future blessings or curses of their children, the applause or reproach of all mankind, the approbation or displeasure of their Great Judge, or the happiness or misery consequent upon their conduct in this and a future state, can move them, then let them be assured that they deserve to be slaves, and are entitled to nothing but anguish and tribulation. Let them banish from their remembrance the reputation, the freedom and happiness, which they have inherited from their forefathers. Let them forget every duty, human and divine; remember not that they have children; and beware how they call to mind the justice of the Supreme Being. Let them go into captivity like the idolatrous and disobedient Jews, and be a reproach and a by-word among the nations.

But we think better things of you. We believe and are persuaded, that you will do your duty like men, and cheerfully refer your cause to the great and righteous Judge. If success crown your efforts, all the blessings of freedom will be your reward. If you fail in the contest, you will be happy with God and liberty in Heaven.

By the unanimous order of the Convention:

ABM. TEN BROECK, *President.*

FISHKILL, December 23, 1776.

Report of a Committee to Confer with Col. Trumbull.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 351.]

A. M. Dec 24th 1776.

Your Committe appointed to confer with Col Trumbull relative to the want of Provisions at the Forts Montgomery & Constitution and also for the Militia who are now in the service under Genl George Clinton & relative to a plan for the importation of Salt for the States of Connecticut & New York, do report that Coll Trumbull says that the want of Provisions at the Forts Montgomery & Constitution is owing to the Passes in the Highlands not being sufficiently guarded, to justify him in pouring any large quantity of provisions in those forts & that he notwithstanding believes they are well provided by this time, that he is now going to Peckskill & will take care that they are duly supplied. That Col Hay is authorized by him to supply the Millittia on the west side of Hudsons River. With regard to the plan for importation of Salt for the State of Connecticut & New York he informs your Committe that he is authorized by the general Congress to import a quantity for the use of the Army & that he has laid a plan with the State of Connecticut to send out a number of Vessels for that purpose, one half of each adventure to be on acct of the general Congress & the other half on the acct of the State of Connecticut, that several vessels are already sailed in the coarse of last month & others now fitting out, & that if the Convention of New York incline to join in said plan he is willing to interest them into it & divide the Risque into three equal parts between the General Congress the State of Connecticut & the State of New York.

That the vessels so taken in hier are appraised & the value thereof insured to the respective Owners—Your Committe are therefore of opinion that if such plan be entered into by this Convention it will greatly tend to the supplying this State with that necessary article all which is most humbly submitted.

ISAAC ROOSEVELT,
CHRISTR TAPPEN.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Report of Auditors of Gov. Trumbull's Accounts.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 353.]

Dec. 24th 1776, read & agreed to.

Your Committe for auditing accts Reports, that they have examined an acct which was forwarded to this Convention by his excellency Gov Trumbull, amounting to £674 9 0 lawful, equal to £899 5 4, New York Currency, for transporting a number of Inhabitants from Long Island, over to the State of Connecticut with their stock &c, that they find the amount is ascertained by three gentlemen who have been appointed for that purpose by the Committee of New London & Groton and whom Gov Trumbull declares are Gentlemen of Character, that they are therefore of opinion that it be allowed & that the sum of £44 5 lawful money equal to £59 New York Currency as part thereof for service performed by Mr John Field, be paid to himself he is now here, that the remaining balance of £630 4 lawful money equal to £840 5 4 New York Currency be remitted to his Excellency Gov Trumbull for the purpose of discharging said acct. That they have examined another acct also transmitted by Gov Trumbull for service performed by Mr John Vail which the Connecticut Auditors have not thought fit to certify as just & therefore are of Opinion that it be disallowed for the present & that a Letter to the following purport be written to Gov Trumbull to wit—

Sir: Your letter of the 12th inst covering an acct for removing a number of Inhabitants with their Stock &c from Long Island to your State was duly received, the amount of Mr John Fields demand being £44 5 has been paid to himself here agreeable to your request the remaining ballance to wit £630 4 I am directed to

transmit to your excellency by the Messenger Benjamin Montanye, and beg the favor you will order it paid to the several persons, to whom it is due—Whenever Mr John Vail transmits his acct properly audited payment will be ordered him.

MAT ADGATE,
ALEX WEBSTER, } *Committee.*
BENJ NEWKIRK,

To Gov Trumbull.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Committee of Safety to Governor Trumbull.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 433.]

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York,
Fish Kill, Dec. 24th 1776.

Sir: The Convention have directed me to enclose to your Excellency an extract of a Letter from Genl Washington to hint the necessity of securing the passes in the highlands which are in some measure the keys of this State, the importance of which in this controversy is evident from the uniform endeavours of the enemy to possess themselves of it, & the command that it would give them over the Indian Nations. This State has suffered greatly in the course of the war, 5 entier Counties and a Part of the 6th one in possession of the Enemy, much therefore cannot be expected from them, but whatever they can do has & will be done, as they correct the evils arising from short enlistments—they raised upwards of 2,100 men over & above our quota who are to continue in service till the last day of December. Afterwards at the request of Genl Washington they sent down 600 men to garrison the Forts in the highlands whose time of enlistment expired the first day of this month. We have also been frequently under the necessity of calling out a very considerable part of our Militia when the enemy quitted this State & Genl Washingtons army was greatly reduced. Convention thought it expedient to send some into New Jersey, as well to raise the spirits of the Whigs there as to oblige the enemy to weaken this Army by leaving Garrisons behind them. They accordingly sent down near 2000 men under the command of Brigadier Genl Clinton who are still in the field and have been very successful in several skirmishes with the Enemy. These Sir are the exertions we have made, by which you may easily conceive that we are not a little exausted & harassed. In this situation we are informed that the few troops that were left under the command of Genl Spencer & Heath will be disbanded in a few days and the whole safety of this State and that of America, which in a great measure involves—will be left to our own Militia. We have therefore made a further Draft from them, but Sir they fear that these will be insufficient to guard the passes on the West, & those on the Albany post road on the east side of Hudsons River, if they should be attacked by any considerable force which they have strong reason to believe they will be. The Convention therefore are obliged to call upon Connecticut to defend the passes on the oblong road which are not less the inlets into that state than this and which they have reason to fear will without their assistance be but slightly guarded. They need not urge the necessity of raising your levies with all possible expedition & of keeping in the mean time a body of Militia on foot to guard against the danger of being without an army, since they are fully satisfied that you are apprized of the importance of those measures & that they will be executed with the same spirit which has hitherto so honorably characterized Connecticut.

The convention have directed me to inform your excellency that an act lately passed by your legislature prohibiting the transportation from out of your State of several articles enumerated therein, has given the most serious concern to them as by the Misfortunes of War the Inhabitants of this State are now deprived of a Sea Port. They have no possible means of procuring many of the necessaries of life but from the Eastern States whose commerce is still open. The Convention are

satisfied that it could never be your intention to add to their distresses by which they are unavoidably afflicted & therefore doubt not that this evil will be remedied as soon as mentioned.

I am, Sir, with great respect Your most Obedient & Very Hbl Sv^t By Order.

Committee of Safety to Gen. Washington.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 705.]

A. M. Dec 24^th 1776.

Sir: We were honored with your excellencys favor of the 15^th and most readily accept your appology for not answering ours of last month, since we are not ignorant of the streights into which our temporary enlistments have thrown you, & have found in the difficulties which your Excellency had to contend with no small addition to those under which we laboured. You will see by the enclosed resolves that we have agreeable to your Excellencys request called out great part of our Militia beside those that are on the west side of Hudsons River under the command of Brigadier General Clinton with a view to supply the place of the Troops who are shortly to leave us—but sir we cannot but help observing that we dare not put too much confidence in our endeavors for reasons that will be explained to your Excellency by Mr Benson the bearer hereof. We have had frequent intimations that the Enemy designed shortly to make a push for this place & some of them so well founded as to convince us that nothing but our being in a proper state of defence will frustrate the design—As the difficulties under which we labour have not escaped your attention we persuade ourselves that your Excellency will contribute so far as is consistent with the general Welfare to remove them—this we conceive can be in no way so effectually done as by sending some of the new raised Regiments if any are completed to secure the defiles in the High Lands, this we know must be regulated by circumstances of which your Excellency is the only proper Judge & to your decision after having Clearly hinted it we most cheerfully submit the necessitys of the Troops sent to the Northard are inconceivably great & unless speedily supplied must render the forces we raise entirely useless. We have directed Mr Benson to press the Congress to fall upon some means of furnishing us out of the stores they have purchased in the Eastern States, perhaps our request if backed by your Excellencys recommendation would be the more speedily complied with

I am sir with great respect Your most obdt & very humble Servant By Order.

His Excellency General Washington.

Colonel Swartwout to New York Convention.

[American Archives, 5th series, vol. 3: 1433.]

Fort Constitution, December 26th, 1776.

Gentlemen: I now send by the bearer, Ensign Weaver, two yoke of oxen and cart, which were the property of Mr. Frederick Van Cortland, at Kingsbridge. The oxen and cart was pressed, in order to carry the baggage of my regiment to the White Plains from Peekskill: were sent with medicines to Fishkill, from which place I sent for them here, to haul down timber to make rafts; and as they can't be of any farther service here, have thought best to have them sent to you, gentlemen, to order with them as you think fit. You will be good enough to direct the bearer to whom he must deliver the cattle, and the receiver to give a receipt for them.

I am, gentlemen, with greatest respects, your very humble servant,

JACOBUS SWARTWOUT, *Col.*

To the Convention of the State of New York, at Fishkills.

New York Committee of Safety to Gen. Heath.

[American Archives, 5th series, 3: 1433.]

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York,
Fishkill, December 26th, 1776.

Sir: I this day received your favor of the 24th inst., which I laid before the Committee, in answer to your request, with regard to the disposition of the prisoners taken up for plundering inhabitants of this State. I am directed to transmit you the enclosed resolves, by which you will see the determination of the Committee with respect to them. The Committee confide in your ready compliance with their request.

I am also directed to inform you that the troop of Horse, which were some time stationed at this place, some time since returned to Connecticut, with the consent and advice of the Convention of this State, on account of the scarcity of forage.

I am, sir, with respect, your most obedient, humble servant,

Major-General Heath. ABM. TEN BROECK, *President.*

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York,
Fishkill, December 26th 1776.

Resolved, That General Heath be requested to send the Prisoners now in confinement at Peeks Kill, for thefts and plundering the inhabitants of this State, under guard, to the Goal of Dutchess county, at Poukeepsie, there to remain till thence delivered by due course of law; and General Heath is farther requested to cause the names of the said prisoners to be transmitted to the Committee of Safety or Convention of this State, that a proper mittimus may issue to commit them.

Extract from the Minutes.

ROBERT BENSON, *Secretary.*

Col. Humfrey to Major Birdsill.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 339.]

To Major Benjamin Birdsill. I have just now received orders for the whole battalion to march on Wednesday next towards North Castle, there to remain till they may be relived by new raised levies, to be allowed Slays or Wagons to carry their baggage & be in full pay. I hope you will prepare to march with the Battalion. Your compliance will oblige your most humble servt,

26th Dec., 1776. WILLIAM HUMFREY.

Alexander Wallace to Governeur Morris.

[American Archives, 5th series, 3: 1464.]

New York, 28th December, 1776.

Dear Sir: I got safely home here on the 25th July,* and found all my family in good health except my son Hugh, who is very bad and little hopes of his recovery. Mrs. Hugh Wallace is pretty well in health, but very unhappy about her husband being kept so long from her; and what adds to her distress is the very heavy loss she has met with about ten days ago in losing all her plate. She sent it to Richard Yates last summer, at Acquacknack, to be kept there as a place of safety, but upon his leaving that place, he had the box which contained the plate put on board a brig commanded by Captain Roche, bound to this place. About five miles below Hackensack, the brig was seized by a party of your army, and all the goods taken out. The plate cost upwards of fifteen hundred pounds, this currency. She thinks the gentlemen belonging to the Convention, when they know it belongs to her, will order it to be sent her immediately, as it would be very hard indeed to send her husband away to Connecticut, and allow her property to be plundered. I must

* Query, December. See his Petition of December 6. *Supra* p. 544.

request the favor of you to get this affair settled as soon as possible. Enclosed is an inventory of the plate. It was all in one box.

My papers &c., are in much better order than I expected, but my brother and I shall suffer greatly by being sent away from our property. I have sent your letter to your mother, who is very well, as are all your old friends. I shall go and see your mother in a few days. General Robinson assures me all the women and children, who have a mind to go to their husbands or friends, have liberty to go by this flag or any other way they may think proper. I am sorry Major Fish has not liberty to come on shore, or that Mr. Scott's request is not granted. Be assured I have done all in my power, but have no interest with General Howe. He is too busy at present sending despatches to England, to be seen. You will please present my compliments to all friends; and be assured I am with great esteem, your much obliged humble servant, ALEXANDER WALLACE.

Please deliver the enclosed letters. Give the one for Hugh Wallace to Mr. Samuel Loudon, to be sent by post. My brother has lost all his clothes in the Jerseys. Mrs. Wallace sent them there. Tell Mr. John Ten Broeck I have not yet seen Mr. May, but am told he is here.

GOUVERNEUR MORRIS, Esq., at Fish kills.

The Contents of a Chest of Plate belonging to Hugh Wallace, Esq.

One tea urn, 1 epergne, 1 very large bowl, 4 candlesticks, 1 large pudding dish, 2 small do., 2 large salvers, 3 small do., 1 large tankard, 1 coffee-pot, 1 pitcher, 1 crust stand, 4 long-handle spoons, 4 scollop do., 1 dozen table spoons, 1 dozen dessert spoons, 1 sugar dish, 1 funnel, 1 fish trowel, 6 salts, 6 salt spoons, 2 mustard pots with spoons, 6 skewers, 2 milk pots, 1 tea chest with cannisters, 1 sugar tongs, 4 labels for bottles, 4 tumblers, 4 rummers, 2 black jacks, 1 large soup ladle, 1 marrow spoon.

Report on Mr. Wallace's Letter.

[Mil. Com. 25: 686.]

M^r R. Livingston to whom was referred a Letter from M^r Alexander Wallace to Gov^r Morris Esq^r having considered the subject thereof humbly reports—

That Hugh Wallace Esq^r was arrested by order of his Excellency Gen^l Washington, & sent to Connecticut on suspicion of being unfriendly to the cause of America.

That subsequent to his arrest his plate was removed to the State of New Jersey, & entrusted to the care of M^r Yates. That some time before our army under the command of Maj^r Genl Heath entered Hackensack the plate was put on board of a Brigg commanded by Cap^t Roche & bound for New York (whether the Brigg was British or American property does not appear nor whether she was loaded with supplies for the British Army) which Brigg together with the plate was taken by a party of our Army—From which facts your Committee is humbly of opinion

1^st That as M^r Hugh Wallace was only taken up on suspicion without any direct charge either alleged or proved ag^t him his detention does not affect the present question which must be determined by rules that would equally apply to every other person entitled to the protection of this State. That by a Resolution of Congress passed the 20^th March 1776

All Vessels their tackle apparel & furniture & Cargoes belonging to Inhabitants of great Britain & all vessels which may be employed in carrying Supplies to the Ministerial Army which shall happen to be taken near the shores of any of these Colonies by the people of the Country or detatchments from the Army, shall be deemed lawful prize &^c

If therefore it should appear that this vessel was British property there would be no doubt that the plate as part of the Cargo would be lawful prize.

If the vessel should appear to be the property of any person living under the Government of the enemy & voluntarily acknowledging the Same he would (in the Idea

of your Committee) be an Inhabitant of Great Britain within the intention of the Congress, tho' perhaps so far within the Letter of the Resolution as to Justify the condemnation of the vessel, unless carrying Supplies to the enemy, since penal laws are always to be construed strictly & it may be that Congress intended that the property of subjects of either of the United States should be determined by the laws of those States.

If the vessel is not to be considered as coming within the Resolutions relative to the property of an inhabitant of Great Brittain a question of fact arises to wit whether she was carrying supplies to the enemies Army—if not she is not within the resolution and cannot be considered a lawful prize—

If on the other hand she was really employed in carrying such supplies—a doubt may arise whether any thing more than the vessel can be condemned—since nothing is said of the Cargo (your Committee is of opinion) that the clause designed to refer to the proceeding more especially as nothing is said even about the disposition of the supplies taken on board—& it would be absurd to condemn the vessel for carrying supplies and yet not confiscate those supplies. But as all these doubts, together with several others that might be raised, are questions that must Judicially be determined in a Court of Admiralty (your Committee thinks it unnecessary to trouble the house with a more minute inquiry into them) But is humbly of opinion that the protection due to M[r] Wallace requires that he should not be deprived of his property except by a legal decision which he may have an opportunity to controvert, That therefore it is incumbent upon the Convention to put this matter in such a Train as will enable M[r] Wallace to obtain ample Justice—That therefore they ought to write to Major Gen[l] Heath desiring him to see that the Goods are not embezeled or taken away till they have been libled & condemned by the Court of Admiralty in New Jersey.

(Indorsed.) M[r] Livingston's Report relative to M[r] Wallace's letter to Gov[r] Morris March 20[th] 1776. (*Sic.*)

Report on Saltpetre.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 343.]

A. M., Dec. 28[th] 1776.

Mr. David Gelston one of the committee formerly appointed on the 14[th] day of October—to have the Saltpetre manufactured in Suffolk County, and thence removed to Connecticut, transported to this State, delivered in their report, which was read, & is in the words following to wit,

Your Committee appointed to transport to this place the Salt Petre manufactured upon Long Island & transported to Connecticut, do report that whereas Mr. Gelston has Collected from sundry persons 585[lb] 14 oz part of which he has paid for to the amount of £128 5 & that there is in the hands of other persons a quantity of Saltpetre manufactured upon Long Island to the amount of 6 or 700[lb] or thereabouts, making in the whole about 1200[lb] which will amount at 6s. to £360—and whereas Mr. Gelston has received £60 on acct, therefore resolved that this convention advance to Mr. Gelston the sum of £300 to enable him to pay for the same & transport it to this place as soon as may be with convenieney. And whereas the persons who have manufactured the Saltpetre purchased by Mr. Gelston have suffered the loss of their works by the Enemys taking possession of Long Island, And Whereas the Convention of this State did on the 15[th] day of October last agree to give 8s. 6d. per lb. for all such saltpetre as should be made in this State out of materials collected within the same from the said 15[th] day of October last until the 1[st] day of January 1778, Therefore resolved that Mr. Gelston be authorized to give the further sum of 2s. 6d. per lb. for the Salt Petre above mentioned, as an indemnification for the loss of such works as aforesaid & that he be allowed a further sum of £150 to enable him to pay the same and that he account to this or a future legislature for the monies by him so received. DAVID GELSTON.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Instructions about Launching the Frigates at Poughkeepsie.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 469.]

Gents: Yours of Yesterday with copy of that to you from the marine committe at Philadelphia inclosed, came to hand. We advise you to proceed by all means to lanch the Frigates as soon as you can & then to proceed with the Vessels to the place most safe in Roundout Kill near Esopus Landing. We are sensible of the custom to give a treat to the workmen after lanching nor do we know that the sum of 100 Dollars for each is too much. We would recommend to you to have it properly considered, that you may not be blamed of Extravagance & we of giving a sanction thereto. We are obliged to you for your invitation to see the Lancing, but whether any of the Members will be able to attend we know not. There are so few members present that few if any can be spared.

[See Letter of Samuel Tuder, p. 593 *post.*]

Report on furnishing Medicines.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 452.]

Your Committee to whom was referred the request of D^{r} Osborn, for Medicines for the use of the Regiment Commanded by Col^{o} Jacobus Swartwout, beg leave to report:

Whereas your committee are informed by D^{r} Osborn, that part of the men under the command of Col^{o} Jacobus Swartwout in General Clinton's brigade in Continental service, are in great distress for want of Medicines & that Col^{o} Swartwout had requested D^{r} M^{c}Knight one of the Continental Hospital Surgeons to supply his regiment with the same, who hath requested said D^{r} Osborn to apply to the Convention. Your Committee, agreeable to the powers given by the Convention have tho^{t} proper to supply, and have supplied said D^{r} Osborn with lb vi. sal cathartics and lb ss Cortex Peruviana out of the Store of Medicines belonging to this Convention, for which your Committee have taken a Receipt from D^{r} Osborn, which said Receipt, amounting to the sum of £3 6 0, together with the orders of Col^{o} Swartwout & D^{r} M^{c}Knight, your committee now here produce.

Ordered, that the said Receipt & orders be filed with the Treasurer of this State & that he charge the said £3 6 0 to the Continental Account.

Fishkill, December 28th 1776.

Received of the Convention of the State of New York lb vi. sal cathartic and lb ss. Cortex Peruviana on Continental acc^{t} for the use of the men under the command of Col Jacobus Swartwout in Genl Clinton's Brigade.

Witness: John J. Myers, P^{r} Me: COR^{s} OSBORN.
John M^{c}Kesson.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Resolution authorizing drafts on the Treasury.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 331.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York,
Fishkill, Dec^{r} 30th 1776.

Resolved that General George Clinton, Genl Scott, M^{r} Duer & the other Members of the Committee for carrying on a secret expedition in the County of Westchester be & are hereby authorized to make Drafts on the treasury of this State for any sums in the whole not exceeding 600 pounds, for the purpose of executing the powers with which they are vested, and that the said Committee account for the expenditure of the same.

By Order.

A True Copy from the Minutes.
Attest: John M^{c}Kesson, Secy.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Order to purchase Cattle in Queens and Suffolk.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 707.]

That Benj Havens, Nath[l] Williams, Philip Allen Jun, John Hendrickson & Nath[l] Seamen be requested & empowered to purchase all the fatted Cattle & Sheep in the Counties of Suffolk & Queens & to drive them down on ac[t] of the Commissary Genl to Gen Woodhulls Encampment & that Mr l'hommedieu, Mr Van Wyck & Mr Gelston be a Committee to wait upon the Commissary Gen[l] & request him to inform them what price he will give for the same & that the Commissary of Genl Woodhulls Brigade be directed to retain as many of the s[d] Cattle as he shall think will be required for the subsistence of the s[d] Brigade.

Committee of Safety to Major General Heath.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 441.]

Fish kills, Decm[r] 1776.

Sir: Your favour of Yesterday with the several dispatches inclosed were this day laid before the committe of Safety. I am directed to inform you that they highly approve of the precaution you have used with respect to the Flag of Truce & which you will be pleased to continue until we have had time to consider of the Applications mentioned in the dispatches. They are now under the consideration of a Committee & I hope a Decision will take place to morrow. The Defenceless condition to which the Highlands will be reduced on your withdrawing with the Continental troops gives us very great concern. Ardently as we wished to co-operate with General Washington in opposing the progress of the Enemy in our sister State of New Jersey, we are compelled, by a regard for the publick safety to direct our militia who were before orderd to march into that State to be moved for the security of the Highlands. We have at the same time dispatched an Express to Genl Washington soliciting that you & the troops you more immediately command, may be directed to secure your late station. We hope this request will meet with your approbation.

Major General Heath.

Resolution indemnifying Ezra L'Hommedieu and Solomon Smith.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 443.]

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York,
Fish Kill, Dec[r] 1776.

Whereas some time in the month of August last Ezra l'hommedieu Esq did leave into the Hands of Mr. Gerardus Bancker four hundred & twenty eight Pounds by him to be kept safe untill the said Ezra l'hommedieu should call for the same; he being then about to go into Suffolk County; the said monies having been received by Solomon Smith & Himself as loan Officers for the said County for the fifth years interest of nine thousand two hundred Pounds by them put to loan in the said County & which they had received for the year 1775. And Whereas the convention of this State being informed that the sum of £428 which has been received by M[r] L'hommedieu & Solomon Smith as loan officers of the county of Suffolk had been deposited by M[r] l'hommedieu in the hands of M[r] Gerardus Bancker did in his absence & without the agency or consent of Mr. l'hommedieu, by a resolution the 16[th] of September last, order the said £428 (of the said money) out of the hands of the said Gerardus Bancker to be applied towards the exigences of this State & the said sum of £428, were so applied by paying the same to Egbert Benson Esq towards defraying the wages of the Companies of Rangers then serving in Dutchess County & the said sum being so paid was credited to this State in setling the pay & Billet Rolls of the said Rangers.

Resolved that the said Ezra l'hommedieu and Solomon Smith and their securities be & they are hereby indemnified & saved harmless from all losses & damages

they as loan Officers or either of them, or their or either of their securities may suffer by means of said monies having been so ordered & applied as aforesaid & that the committee of safety, the convention, or future legislature of this State will indemnify & save harmless the said loan Officers & each of them & their & each of their securities on acct of the monies so ordered and applied as aforesaid.

[Not in the printed Journal.]

Statement of John Read.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 274.]

John Read says that he lives about Four miles from the City of Albany. That he came over to this Country last war with Lord Howe's Regim[t] (That he has lived before at Claverack.) That he has served as a Soldier for some years in that Regiment. That on the morning when he was apprehended he was alarmed by his wife who told him that the Rangers were coming. That he jumped out of Bed and with his shoes in his hand in order to Escape. That he was afterwards taken in the Woods. That at the time he left his house There was no other person in his house except his wife and children. That there was no other person then in his House.

1776 (per Indorsement).

Bill of John McClean.

[Miscel. Pap. 30: 344.]

The United American States To John M[c]Clean D[r]

For riding four days to Poughkeepsie & from thence to New Windsor & Little Brittain & returning to wit on the 30[th] of Nov[r] & 1[st] 2[d] & 3[d] days of December to convey a Letter from Major General Gates & two other letters to Brigadier Gen[l] George Clinton which letters were conveyed to the Council of Safety by the Committee of Albany with a request from Gen[l] Gates to be forwarded by Express at 24s. per day,..... £4 16 0

Interrogatories relative to Enemies' Personal Estate.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 650.]

1[st] As the Resolve is silent with Respect of the personal estate of persons going: wether they are not to put them in the care of some person for the present.

2[dly] whether the persons who are to inspect the goods to be taken with such persons as shall or may go down, are to be appointed by the Commissioners or wether the Commissioners of sequestration in virtue of their appointment are to do it, as it is a doubt with some whether the Resolves of the 6[th] of March by which they are appointed have any Relation to such persons as shall go down in consequence of the Resolve of the 7[th] of March which seem to relate only to prisoners.

3[dly] whether the Commissioners of Inspection are to exercise a discretionary power in Regard to the goods to be taken down in Case any doubts shall arise with Relation to what is intended by the words in the Resolves, apparel and household furniture, or how is that matter to be determined.

4[ly] Wether persons may not be allowed to remain at home upon their taken an Oath of Neutrality & giving all the security in their power strictly to adhere to the same.

5[ly] Wether persons going down may take their money with them their Books and what quantity of Provisions.

Account of a Skirmish at Taghkanick.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 656.]

On Friday last a Scrimmige happened near Tachkanick 2 Horses kiled of ours, of the Torys Nicolas Brasie Jun^r^ wounded and a few Prisoners taken. In the Evening of the same Day a Partey of ours came up to the house of Isaac Spoor in Taghkanick where they found several Torys whoe opposed our men on which a fireing Insewed. our Party took several prisoners and wonded one Nicolas Brasie Senijor on Satterday Col Hogeboom with a Party of about 20 men fell in with a Party of about 100 Torys near Tachkanick at the House of George Weler where a smart fireing happened. The Col was obliged to Retrete with the loas of one horse kiled, of the torys one John Lyck mortily Wounded whoe died the next Day; the Col^l^ being Reinforsed went In persute of the Torys overtook them at the Long Laik about Six mils from Harmen Basts and thair fell upon them kiled of the torys James Daeker wounded one Finckel and took 15 Prisonars of that Party the next Day being Sunday we took another toare and took 2 more of said Party. We hope to be able to give a fuller and better account of them in a few Days

RICHARD ESSELSTYN, *Major.*

Part of a Letter from Gen^l^ Schuyler.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 385.]

Joseph Brant is soon expected at Onondaga and will probably take Oneida in his way to Onohaghgwage. 'Tis said he is to return to Lord Howe.

A trusty Indian was sent to a particular person residing in the upper Mohawk Castle for Intelligence. This person reports that no attack is designed by the Enemy on this River or quarter for the present season till the Mohawks are removed, that a general attack upon Tyonderoga is designed towards the Close of February by Regulators Canadians and Indians, [MS. is torn at this place.] here these five Days past and continued thronged with Indians. The Oneida Messengers tell me that one John Johnson (formerly an Oneida Trader) now resides at a Seneca Village about ten Miles from Kayengederaghte he is supported there by Colo. Butler to convey Intelligence—he was present at this Meeting. The Seneca Sachem is not well pleased with his being amongst them. They also there met with old Isaac of Onoghoghgwage and his party returning from Niagara.

Report about moving Prisoners to New Hampshire, etc.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 271]

Whereas it is essential to the safety of this State forthwith to remove all State Prisoners, and Prisoners of War, together with a number of Persons notoriously disaffected to the State of New Hampshire.

And Whereas from the present Invasion of this State and the numerous conspiracies formed within the same, it would be extremely hazardous to the Public Safety to permit the well affected militia to march out of it.

And whereas a considerable Expence might be saved if the Prisoners ordered to be moved out of this State were Guarded by a Detachment from Coll^o^ Tash Regiment of New Hampshire Militia, The Terms of whose Enlistment expires on the 1^st^ of December next.

Resolved that application be made to his Excellency Gen^l^ Washington for Permission to detach Eighty men from Coll^o^ Tash's Regiment to escort the Prisoners taken in the late skirmish with Col^o^ Rogers, together with a Number of other dangerous and disaffected Persons, to Exeter in the State of New Hampshire.

Resolved that the Committee of Safety pledge the Faith of the Convention of this State for calling forth an equal number of men as the said Detachment shall

consist of to serve as Continental Troops during the Term for which the Regiment under the Command of Col° Tash is enlisted.

Ordered that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to Gen[l] Washington by Express—that his approbation thereof if he thinks proper may be obtained.

Letter to Gen. Washington.

Sir: I have the Honor to enclose for your approbation two short Resolutions of the Committee of Safety of this State. The Reasons on which they are founded are contained in the Recitals.

The Messenger being attending, and Col° Pierre Van Cortlandt the Vice president (who now presides) necessarily absent at present will applogize for your receiving them under cover from Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant.

Petition of Captain P. Ford.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 433.]

To the Honour[ble] Convention of y[e] States of New York,

May it Please Your Honours Gentlemen I would Beg the favour of a word or to as you know my Condition that I am confind in a Guard house Amongst a Company of Tories which I Always Abhord & it Must Be A Great Agravation to Me to be kept with them that Must Be Absurd Enemies to Each Other & Likewise I am Here without My Cloaths & Nothing to Shift Myself & Also My men, as the time is Now Expired which they have Engaged for & their friends & acquaintance All a Going home therefore I humbly & heartyly pray the Consider my Condition My Evidances are all a Going home & as I must Be Brought to Tryal I humbly pray the Let it Come on as Quick as you Can & if Not Soon I Desire the Privelage of Being in Some other Plase, that I might Get out of this Undesireable Plase of Confinement.

I was matter of three weeks without any Guard or Sentry over Me after I was arrested. But I Submit Myself to your honour you knowing My Condition. So Remain with Regards

Your Most Obediant & Humb[ble] Serv[t].

P. FORD, *Capt. W. R.*

y[e] 1[st] Jan[y] 1777.

Petition of Captains Baldwin and John Bradt.

[Petitions, 33: 246.]

To the Honb[le] Convention of the State of New York,

The humbel Pettion and Remonstrance of Capt[s] Alex[r] Bawldwin and John Bratt of the County of Albany Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners have by virtue of a warrent Directed to them by the Chairman of the County Committee, Enlisted each a Company of Men for the Express purpose to Range the woods in the County of Albany. Your Petitioners have also been served with an Extract of the Resolve of Congress as a guide for the Enlisting the Men and in which the Restrictions and Orders we had to observe where set fourth. Your Petitioners have (Contrary to said Extract of the Resolve of Congress) been ordered to Fourt Constitution out of the County of Albany, by which our men are greatly Disquieted, Alledging that it is contrary to the Tenure of their Enlistment. Your Petitioners here Present you with the Extract of the Resolve of Congress Together with the warrent Given them by the County Committee which clearly shewes we where not to be called out of the County or to be made use of as a Garison. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the above Grevensies may be Redress. And your Petitioners will ever pray,

ALEXANDER BALDWIN, *Capt.*

(Jan, 1777.) JOHN A. BRADT.

A Detail of Tory Information.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 531.]

Mrs. Gray went from Albany before Christmas, and arrived safe in the Jerseys,—Mrs. Jessup was in Albany about 3 weeks ago, and all well,—Mrs. Martin & Family are well, as also Mrs. Wall, Crothers, Crawford, Hylyer, Picken, Hare, M^{c}Donald, and all widows that I know (the M^{c}Donald's are still Prisoners, except John, who made his Escape from Albany last Fall, & lies concealed somewhere)—Mrs. Street left Johnstown about a fortnight ago, & said she intended to go to Amboy, but we hear is yet in Albany. 'Tis impossible to send any other account (at present) as matters are circumstanced, which the Bearer can inform you, more at large.—Every one of us are now under a gentle kind of Persecution, which we expect will continue till the Northerly winds begin to blow, & expel the Vapours that fill our Atmosphere.—N. B. The A—y is in winter Quarters, dispersed thro the Jersey:—Head Quarters at Brunswick:—Gen^{l} W——n is now at Morris Town,—with his whole Force.—

Dec^{r} 26th Gen^{l} W——n surprised and took 919 drunken Hessians at Trenton, with all their Baggage the Remainder (700) fought their way back to Princeton—upon which those (Hessians) stationed at Burlington & Burdentown advanced, & gave the Victors Battle, till night parted the two armies,—about midnight G. W——n decamped and fled towards Morris Town, but being met, on the way by 3 Reg^{ts} of british Troops, a bloody Engagement insued, wherein Gen^{l} Mercer & upwards of 700 of y^{e} Provincials fell:—the night again secured their Retreat to their present station.——Tis said The Kings Speech is now in New York, in which he demands a further Supply of Men and Money for the ensuing Campaign,—the Parliament voted 120000 & money to pay them, nem: con.———Gen^{l} Howe is a Knight of the Bath;—Col^{l} M^{c}Lean arrived at N York, and also S^{r} John Johnson; the latter s^{d} to be Superintendant of Indian affairs.—Col^{l} Johnson to have a Reg^{t}—Col^{l} Claus not arrived.

January 1777.

Petition of the Committee of Rensselaerwyck, etc.

[Petitions, 33: 686.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention.

The Petition of the Members of the respective Committees of the Districts of the Manor Rensselaerwyck, Claverack and Kings in the County of Albany, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioners who represent the Districts adjacent to Kinderhook have long observed that most of the Inhabitants thereof are disaffected to the Measures pursued by America for the Establishment of their Liberties. That by reason of their unfriendly conduct, the General Committee of the County of Albany have some time since expelled their members from the General Committee deeming it dangerous to suffer the association of members who might Betray their secrets and retard the measures necessary for their defence. It is also with concern that your petitioners are obliged to observe that the Field officers (except one) who have the Command of the Battalion of Militia in that District, Evince upon every occasion (particularly when the service of the Country require Vigor and activity) a Backwardness and Indifferency in the Execution of their Duty, which in the opinion of your petitioners can only arise from the depravity of principle which has so long influenced that District. As an instance of the above assertion your petitioners have been creditably informed that upon the Last requisition from Convention for the march of the Militia out of the southern part of this County, the field officers alluded to, not only expressed their disinclination to March in person but appointed so late a day us the seventh after Notice for the March of their Battalion. The Conduct of the principal Leaders in that District appears to your petitioners replete with duplicity, for instance, that in order to prevent the ruling powers of this State to proceed against them with rigor they comply with its Resolves so far only as to

screen themselves from the rod of Correction and at the same time mean to claim merit with a British Administration for their adherence to their allegiance, Justly alarmed at the Conduct of that District your petitioners at the earnest and repeated request of a Number of the well affected Inhabitants of Kinderhook District Concieve it their indispensible Duty to Lay before the Convention this representation, And that the Convention of this State will be pleased to remove those officers; Namely Andris Witbeck, Col° Barent Vanderpool, Lieu^t^ Col° Lawrance Goes, 1^st^ Major, Isaac Vanderpool Adjutant & John D. Goes Quarter Master from the Command of that Battalion and that they will be pleased to appoint Abram P.Van Alstyn, Col^l^ Philip Van alstyn, Lieu^t^ Col. Isaac Goes 1^st^ Major, John M. Van alstyn Adjutant & Tobias D. Van Buren Q^r^ Master in their stead, persons whose principles are well known for their attachment to the Libertys of this Country, and by whose influence and authority in those appointments the Battalion in that District may render their Country Essential Services, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray,

January 5^th^ 1777.

LAWRENCE FONDA,
GABERYEL ESSELSTYNE,
CORNELIUS S. MULLER,
W^m^ VAN NESS, Ju^r^
SOLOMON HUTCHINSON,
LAWRENCE HOGEBOOM,
PETER CANTINE, Ju^r^
ISRAEL SPENCER,
Committee of Claverack District.

IN GENERAL COMMITTEE, ALBANY, 8^th^ Jan^y^ 1777.

The above Petition was read and ordered to be signed.

JACOB LANSING, Ju^r^
Chairman Pro temper.

Report relative to Manufacturing Salt.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 407.]

Jan^y^ 6, 1777.

Mr. Duer, from the Committee appointed to devise ways & means for manufacturing Salt within this State, Report that they have employed Peter Sim to repair to Onondaga in order to make an Experiment of the waters of a Salt Lake & certain Springs at that place. But that to render the design successful the Influence & Assistance of the Commiss^r^ of Indian affairs & their Agents will be necessary—

Resolved therefore that the said Committee be & they hereby are authorized & directed to confer with the Commissioner of Indian affairs respecting the premises & in the name of Convention to request their Influence & assistance in order to prevail on the Onondagas or the Six Nations to permit Such Experiment to be made. And further, if on Such Experiment a Salt Manufacture there Shall be thought practicable & of publick advantage the said Committee shall be & they are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Indian proprietors for the use of the said Lake & Springs, All for the sole purpose of manufacturing Salt, & to allow them a reasonable Rent or Compensation for the same. And if a Treaty shall be necessary, to make them a present at the Expense of this State not exceeding the Value of Two hundred pounds and thereupon to procure the necessary materials & employ proper persons to set such manufacture on foot, and that they from time to time make Report of their proceedings to the Convention or future Legislature of this State.

James Read to ———

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 425.]

Amenia, Dutchess County, 7 Jan^{y} 1777.

Sir: I am orderd by Peter Cott, D. C. G. East D Partment, to forward flour to the Eastward for the trops & Gard, Stationed in them Parts (which order I am unabel to Comply with on ac^{t} of the Sevear Imbargo Act) which has made No Provision for Carrying out flour to Supply the Armey to the Eastward—I must beg of you to send me a Sertificate as an Asst. P. in East D Partment to Carry Out Supplcy for the Armey from time to time as Shall be orderd by the Com^{ry} of this D. P. S^{r} you will Pleas to Send one by the Barer Liut Doty and you will Oblige your Humb^{l} Serv^{t} JAMES READ.

Resolve of Dutchess County Committee.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 427]

In Committee Dutchess County, Jan^{y} 7, 1777.

Resolved, that the Deputies from this County be divided into two Classes, that the Hon^{ble} Robert R. Livingston Esq^{r} and Cornelius Humphry, John Schenck, and Nathaniel Sacket Esq^{rs} be one Class and Zephaniah Platt, Gilbert Livingston, Henry Schenck, James Livingston, and Jonathan Landon Esq^{rs} be the other Class and that they be requested to attend Convention as follows viz^{t} that the time for the attendance of the class composed of the four Gentlemen first above named commence on Monday the 14th Instant and the time for the attendance of the other Class at the Expiration of three weeks thereafter and so to be continued in constant Rotation each Class three weeks. Provided that nothing in this resolution shall be construed to restrain the Gentlemen from entering into any Agreement among themselves for the sake of their own conveniency either to shorten or prolong the time of attendance or to take Members out of one class and place them in another So as there shall always be two classes the one consisting of four and the other of five members.

John Sloss Hobart to James Livingston, Chairman of Committee of Safety.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 447.]

Fishkill, Jan^{y} 8, 1777.

Sir: At the request of the Committee, Major General Heath ordered the two Companies of Albany Rangers, from fort Constitution in order to form a part of the Troops destined to act in West Chester County, but I find they are in very bad condition to take the Field for want of Cloaths, which they attribute to their being ordered very suddenly from Albany and not being alowed time to provide themselves with the necessary Cloathing.

I ordered a Return yesterday, which I inclose, by it you will see the state of the Companies and I must submit it to the wisdom of the Convention whether it is not best to furnish the men with the cloathing out of the public store, as they will be exceedingly wanted, and being much better armed and disciplined than any of the militia, will be abundantly more usefull.

As our affairs have taken so prosperous a turn in the Jersies, the Expedition towards Kingsbridge, is considered of very great importance, and a much larger force is ordered for it than it was at first intended, I therefore hope the Convention will exert themselves to send down the militia from Dutchess County.

I have the Honour to be Your most Obed^{t} Serv^{t}

JN^{o} SLOSS HOBART.

Petition of Laurence Smith.

[Petitions, 33 690.]

The Petition of Laurence Smith to the honourable Convention of the State of New York now sitting at Fish Kill, humbly sheweth:

That your Petitioner came over to North America 4 years ago and has upwards of 3 years been employed by the reverend D° Verbryck in Orange Town as private Tutor to his Children, That he is a Native of Norway, and has lately received a letter from his friends which makes him desirous of returning as soon as possible to his native Country. That he does not know of any better and easier way of repatriating than by Via New York, not doubting of finding a passage from thence to the Danish islands in the West Indies. That he thinks the Common Law of Nations will protect him as a foreigner of being hinder'd by the British Troops in N York from proceeding on his intended voyage. That he is attached to the cause of Liberty and not choosing to steal away privately do's hereby humbly request the Leave and assistance of the honourable Convention of the State of N York in granting him a pass to go down to New York. That your Petitioner, as knowing nothing can give no information of any kind to the Ennemy, and would in order to remove all suspicion willingly be by oath enjoined to the strictest silence before he leaves this place. Not doubting of obtaining this humble request of the honourable Convention of the State of New York, Your Petitioner will ever pray &c.

Jan^{y}, 9th, 1777. LAURENCE SMITH.

Petition of Ann Dillingham.

[Petitions, 33: 251.]

Gentlemen: Your humble Petitioner Ann Dillingham being here in Pogkeepsie destitute of necessaries, her husband being in New York humbly prayeth that the honourable gentlemen of the Congress would take it in consideration and give her a passport for New York with her three children. She has not a stick of wood to burn and is intirely unable to support herself or her children with food. Your candid compliance with this Request will much obligo your humble petitioner, who as in duty bound shall ever pray.

ANN DILLINGHAM.

P. S. Mr. Peter Palmetyer will carry us down, pray let him be mentioned in the pass.

January 9, 1777. Leave granted.

Isaac Rysdyk to Robert Benson.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 614.]

New Hakkansak Jan: 10, 1776.*

Respect^{e} S^{r}: In due return to y^{r} Letter of Dec. 23 of the Directions of the honb^{le} the Convention, Delivered to me last Sunday, I have translated their address to my best endevors. My having been unwell with cold since, hath retarded tho work till now. This being the first attempt I ever made of this unusual labor, the time short, my health weak, and myself but a scholar in the English tongue, I shall make no apology for the performance; However such a more than Demostenian or Ciceronian piece, translated in the language of Holland, where possibly it may be read, and, if so, doubtless much admired, sho'd be by all means very correct. If therefore the convention sho'd chuse to have it printed, I sho'd wish, that some more able eye sho'd review it. Or sho'd the Convention appoint a Committee for the purpose for an hour or two, I might consult them, and perhaps make some amendments, and as no Low Dutch, printed in America hath been seen hitherto

* *Sic.* Ought to be 1777.

every where correct, because English printers seldom meet with Dutch Copies, and the languages differ so much. I am also willing to attend the press closely; that it may be done in the neatest manner possible. I shall therefore, please God, wait on you in the beginning of next week, to know the pleasure of the Convention.

As to any recompence, my being a citizen of this State and enjoying the protection of y^e^ Hon^ble^ the Congress and Convention; therefore in duty bound to do something for the public good forbids me to claim any other than the approbation of the Convention, if not of the performance itself; at least of my best endevors to serve in any manner God & this bleeding and much injured country.

I am Sir Your most obedient & very humble Servant,

ISAAC RYSDYK.

P. S. want of good paper and ink hath rendered this copy not so distinctly legible as I wished.

Majors Birdsall and Pleas to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38 : 455.]

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

Gentlemen: We are informed that William Humfrey Esq^r^ Colonel of our Battalion has represented to your house that the reason of our Militia's not Turning out on the late Call was oweing to our not giving him that assistance which we might or ought to do & and that we have discouraged the men from going — in consequence of Such representation we understand a new arrangment is likely to take place. We beg leave to Represent to your Honourable house the matter as it is in Truth. Soon after Col^l^ Humfrey received his Orders he sent Major Birdsall the inclosed Note. Major Pleas he waited upon in person & informed of his Orders & asked him if he intended to go, which he answered Yes, M^r^ Pleas then asked Coll'd Humfrey if he should go; he answered you Can't desire that I should go so Old a man as I am, I have been once & think it is your Turn now. You & Birdsall are both young and have not took your turn, but on the whole he says I don't Expect the regiment will be wanted the troops a Comeing so fast from the Eastward — So we was about parting; as he was going I ask'd him, when and where I should meet him; that if we were to march there would be some whose Circumstances were such that ought to be Exeus'd & observ'd to him that the Field officers only Could do it According to the Resolution of Convention. he says I shall be at the meeting of Van Wyck's Company to morrow — We both met there & found the Colonel there — he never call'd upon us for any kind of advice or assistance — the Officers of the Company being chosen; the Capt^n^ went round the Company for 25 Volunteers; Say'd that would Satisfy his orders but there followed him but 7 or 8 Soldiers — To other Captains he sent orders to march there whole Companys all the time holding to view that the Militia was not wanted & that he did not expect they would march.—Night Comeing on we went home; we had no Orders to march until the Capt^ns^ got there Several Companys in readiness. Capt^n^ Dennis the next day Call'd his Company together; a few appeared, perhaps 20. We both went there; the Capt^n^ ordered his men (what met) to hold themselves in readiness to march upon the Shortest notice & he should wait further Orders — the Lieut. Colonel of the Batalion has received no orders if he had we think his Influence would have been of great service. Upon the whole we conceive no regular steps have yet been taken to try the Spirrit of this Batalion — we had no right to give any orders. Orders given were so complicated we knew not what to do with them — however we got ourselves in [readiness] to march & still hold so.—We think it Extraordinary that we should be laid under so Severe Cencure without being heard in the Cace. We have ever done all in our power to Support the Liberties of our Bleeding Country & are willing to risque our lives in defence of it — We think Coll Humfreys has done more to Discourage the Battalion from turning out than any Army Officer in it which can readily make appear by others by his frequently saying they were not wanted & that he Expected his orders would be Countermanded.—A per

son applying to him to Excuse one of his family the Col[l] Says don't be uneasy I don't Expect any will march & it is our Opinion that the Colonel Never intended to march the Battalion. Upon the Strictest Enquiry we think it will appear that Colo[l] Humfrey has Maliciously Endeavour'd to injure our Characters & set us in a point of view which we never Deserved,—which we tho't our duty to Represent to the convention.

We are—Gentlemen, Your Very Humble Servants,

BENJ[M] BIRDSALL,
MAURICE PLEAS,

BEEKMANS PRECINCT, Jan[y] 11[th] 1777. *Majors of Coll. Humfrey's Regiment.*

Colonel Livingston to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 475.]

A true State of the case of Samuel Brown a Soldier of Colonel Livingston Regiment Confined in Irons at the Lower Barracks for the Murder of John Willson a Rebel Prisoner.

On examination of Edward Collins a Soldier in the aforesaid Regiment and Captain Walker it appears that while S. A. Collins was on Guard and just returning to the Guard Room from a a little Disstance he was met by Benjamin Roome a soldier of the same Reg[t] and Comp[y] who asked him if John Willson (the deceased) was discharged and pointed him out at some little Disstance going off, on which S[d] Collins (the Witness) took his arms and pursued him took him and was bringing him to the Guard Room when S[d] Brown the Prisoner ran up in a Passion and demanded which was the Prisoner. Roome Pointed him out when Brown bid them Clear the way and instantly shot him, farther saith that he might as well have shot the Witness as the Prisoner as he stood in a Range behind Him.

Benjamin Roome above mentioned Confirmed every circumstance of the Above Evidence. From other Circumstances it evidently appears that the Prisoner was in Liquor also that before this accident he sustained a good Character he Earnestly desires his Trial may Be brought on as your Honours may read by the enclosed Petition.

I am Gentlemen Your most Ob[t] Humble Serv[t]

HENRY B. LIVINGSTON, *Col[l] Comd[nt]*

LOWER BARRACKS, FISH KILLS, 12[th] Jan[r] 1777.

To the Gentlemen of Convention State of New York.

Petition of Samuel Brown.

[Petitions, 33: 684.]

FISHKILLS, January 12[th] 1777.

HONRID SIR: i like a prisoner acnolige my falt before god and man and your honour and all my honrad officers beging your pardon as well as the pardon of god who must be my judg and i pray your honour to let my tryal be sone for i am wary of this life i now live and i long to no my distiney be what it will pray Sir let me have my tryal if it may please your honner and all others of my honnarabel offisers this i beg hopin justis will take place Sir this from your most obedient prisoner as i am at presant.

SAMUEL BROWN.

An intercepted Letter from Sarah Lockhart.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 453.]

NEW YORK, January 12[th] 1777.

MY DEAR FRIEND: I received yours p[r] the bearer and was greatly rejoiced to hear that you and yours was well and in good health as M[r] lockhart and [I] enjoys the Same att present; from the time that your husband left this Place in Search of his Son I have been very uneasy about them and I made Several enquirys about

them but Could get no tidings, but now it gives me a great deal of pleasure and Satisfaction that they have got Safe home once more; as for my things thats in your Care god knows how I Shall advise you about them if the Should be gone we shall be ruind. Att present we are obliged to make Some Cloathing to keep us from the Cold if their Should be an oppertunity that you think you could Send them Safe I Should be glad to have them but if you cant get a Safe hand to Send them by, take care of them and do with them as you would with your own. If you think the bearer is safe, Send them by her but She was Saying that you talk of Coming yourself. I should be very glad to See you if you cant get an oppertunity to Send them if you Should See any Danger I should be much obliged to you to hide them; if we lose them we ruind for ever for Mr Lockhart has in goods and money lost near fourteen hundred pounds worth I have sent you ½ lb pound of tea and a pair of buckels to your Son I hope the Lord may Spare you and your family from dangers & distress att this untimely Season for many a worthy family has lost their all. It is the Sincere wishes & prayers of your loving friend that it maynt be your Case.

So no more att present but my husband joins with me in love to you and your husband and the rest of the family. SARAH LOCKHART.

It was a joyful Sight when I saw the bearer I would be more so to see you.

To Mrs Sarah lockwood, living att Stanwix these.

Memd to Capt. John Brandon.

Sir: If you should go with the Men under your Command into the Neighbourhood of Horse-Neck there is two Trunks of Close belonging to Mrs. Lockart & me at the House of one Adies Lockwood who I believe is a friend to Government the trunks are large one covred with Pig Skin the other Black Leather, mark J. L. on the Lid. Your Care in preserving the same & sending them down will not serve but greatly oblige Yours to command,

JOHN LOCKHART.

Any favour shewn to Mrs. Lockwood shall be confered as to yr Humble Servt.

Chauncey Graham to the Committee of Safety.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 479.]

Fishkill, 13th Jany 1777.

Mr. Chairman: In obedience to an Order of the Honorable Committee of the State of New York of the 4th Instant, I beg Leave to Report, Samuel Barkers house at Wappingers Creek in this precinct is provided for Such as are returning from the Army infected with the Small pox where four were sent on the 3 & 4 Inst and an other on the 10th whose Names are as follows,

Jany 3d John Davis of Capt Johnsons Co Col. Bradleys Regt.
4 Aaron Crane Do. Do.
Archibald Hall Sergt of Capt Couches Co., Col. Bradleys Regt.
Daniel Yale Do. Do.
10th Nathan Abbee of Capt Kiers Co. Col. Durgees Rt all of the State of Connecticutt.

John Davis will Soon be able to clean up, but as the Honble Committee have given me no particular Instructions about dismissing them and Sending them Home, shall wait their Directions, which I hope may not be delayed, as Some of their Relations are already here waiting their recovery.

I have procured 8yds of Tow Cloth for a Straw Bed—and 2 Blankets pr. Order of the Comtee and one Small Rugg from Mrs Harper, all which are carried up and Safely delivered for their Use. I have made them Sundry Visits, and provided them every necessary for their Safety. I understand Some of them will pay their own Expenses, or have them paid by their friends; to ascertain which at present is impossible. I am afraid the Soldiers in returning from the Army will Spread the Infection, as I am inform'd one has past into New England with his pock runing before he was

Stopt; and the last I sent off had matter in his Pock, and had lodged at a near Neighbours the Night Before, whose house was throng'd as I was informed with his own family & Soldiers.

Any further Orders, from the Hon^ble^ Committee will be carefully received and punctually obeyed by their Obedient Humble Serv^t^

CHAUNCEY GRAHAM.

Hon. Chairman of Com^tee^ of Safety for the State of New York.

Thomas Franklin to William Fowler.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 483.]

PHIL^A^ 13^th^ Jan^y^ 1777.

Respected Friend, W^M^ FOWLER: I have wrote to thee Several times, Since thee Left this but have Not had a Line from thee, Sh^d^ be glad thee will Lett me know if thee has Sold y^e^ Liquers, belonging between us, if not, Should Advise thee to keep it a few weeks, it is now Very high in this place, Shall Give thee y^e^ prises at foot—Sh^d^ be glad thee will allso Lett me know if thee has got y^e^ H^hd^ of Lump Sugar, & whot has become of y^e^ Mol^s^ that was in Schenks Store at Ponghkepsey. thy Care to Lett me know will oblige thy Friend, THO^S^ FRANKLIN.

Geneve, 16s pr. Galon, New York C^y^
This Country Rum, 16s Do. Do.
West india, Do. 22s Do. Do.
Jamaca Spirits, 28 to 30s Do. Do.
Mol^s^ 10s Do. Do.
Those prises Liquers now Sells for & are Scarce.

Capt. Orburn to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 487.]

FISHKILLS, 13^th^ Jan^y^ 1777.

To the Honble the Convention of the State of New-York.

GENT: As an Officer bearing Commission under you and looking upon myself agrieved by a Person of such Rank that it is Out of my power to obtain redress by any Officers of the Regiment I would beg the Liberty to State my Case to you and Request your Consideration of the matter.

I was Chosen by a Majority of the People as a Cap^t^ of the 4^th^ Company of the third Regment of the Weschester Melitia Brigade—Upon which I Received a Commission from your Honble House bareing deate the 15^th^ Aug^t^ 1776 And have Acted in that Station Since that Time And flatter my self that I have exerted my Abilities to the utmost for the publick good for the Truth of which appeal to all those who have had any knowledge of my Conduct.

The ninth Instant when the Militia were Ordered Out Lieut. Coll. Gilbert Drake, without giveing any Reason Ordered Capt. John Hyatt (who was formerly Capt. & had Served this Summer in Gen^l^ Scots Brigade) to take Command of the Company & his Son John Drake who Serv^d^ as Cap^t^ Hyatts 1^st^ Leut. in S^d^ Brigade to act as Lieut. of the Militia Company of which I was Capt. and myself and first Lieut. (who was Likewise Chosen by the people) were ordered to be Inrolld as Privates in Said Company.

This Gentle^n^ is the Substance of my Complaint and I would humbly beg you to take the matter into Consideration whether the Leiut Cor^ls^ of Reg^mts^ have a right to take Commissions (Given Out by you) from Off^rs^ at Pleasure Upon the most

Slight dislike and Reduce them to Private Centinels. If so, the Consequence must be very Bad and tend to throw us into the utmost disorder and Confusion And Indeed Render the Articles of war Published by the Hon^ble Continant^l Congress Intirely Usless, With full Confidence of your Honb^le House giveing me Redress.

I am with due Respect, Gen^t your most Obed^t Hum. Serv^t

JOSEPH ORBURN, *Capt.*

M. Johnson to James Duane.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 491.]

WILLMINGTON, January 13^th^ 1777.

SIR: My distressd Situation I hope will apologize for my troubling you again to apply to the Convention for permission to go to New York. If Consent Cannot be obtained on milder Conditions allow me to go on the terms M^r Sherbrock & Wallace went. Surely I am entitled to as much indulgence as those gentlemen. Consider D^r Sir the Cruelty of distressing a woman by way of punishing her Husband. Let me intreat you to use your Interest which I am Convinced will have weight in favor of

Your Humble Servant,

M. JOHNSON.

Please to let the Bearer know when he Shal wait upon you for an answer from the Convention.

William Douglass to Mr. Duer.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 495.]

FISHKILLS, January 13^th^ 1777.

To M^r DUER.

S^r please to let the Wounded Soldier William Douglass have a Little Money for Necessarys for I am bare of Cloathing for I have Received no Pay Since the first August & I want to pay Setting of my Leg & in so doing Greatly Oblige Your Humble Servant,

WILLIAM DOUGLASS.

Statement relative to breaking open Henry Dickinson's House.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 503.]

WEST CHESTER COUNTY, January, 1777.

Monday the 13^th^ day of this Instant the house of Henry Dickinson in the Vineyard Bedford about one of the clock in the morning was forced open by breaking open two doores by sundry Men with fire-Armes, when seven or eight men imediately presented Pistols and guns to the breast of Henry Williams in his bed room as he had newly started out of Bed, and compelled him to surrender a Sword he had in his hand Threatning him with imediate death, or to take said Williams prisoner to Rogers's Rangers declaring themselves to belong to said Core and to be King Georges soldiers and said that they had express orders from said Rogers to bring down to him said Williams dead or a live, they endeavoured to force said Williams (without Coat waistcoat or breeches) out of the house. They then broak open some and demanded all the Draws, Desk and Packages to be opened and with many imprecations and threats continuing fire Arms at his breast confined to stand or sitt still, while they robbed and plundered all his premises often repeating with Oathes their threats of Death or Captivity, when with the utmost violence they took from him and carried away the following particulars and sundry other articles not yet particularized. Viz: one bundle containing Continental bills marked A 534 Dollars, B. 100 Dollars, C. 175 Doll^rs^ D eonecticut bills for 35 Dollars, K for 1440 Dol^rs^ continental Silver, seventeen shillings taken from said Williams and his Wife leaving

them void of money or bills Plate stolen one large salver, one Coffee Pott, one Tankard, one large pint Cupp, with two handles, one Sausepan, one large cream Pott chased, four salt Cellers, one dozen knives and a doz. forks with silver handles, Twelve table spoons, four chased and six plain tea spoons, two small one large plain snuff boxes, two pair Shoe buckles, One high pair of Candlesticks plated two pair candlesticks and a pair small ditto french plate with a crest engraved (a hand in armour with an oaken branch,) a pair silver Clasps for a Stock, tea tongues, One watch with gold chased Case with two cornelian Seals set in gold, (one his Coat at Arms the other a mans head) One Watch repeater in gold Cases chased and pierced, makers name, Stiles London (the spring broak) with a cornelian seal set in gold with Crest as above said, a chased gold chain, One Egyptian Pibble snuff box set in gold a Mans guilt snuff box with blue moco stone, a small Sword with hilt of silver guilt, a pair 8 Inch barrell Servants Pistols (lately cleaned)—A pair brilliant diamond Ear-rings, a hope ring sett with diamonds all round, four fancy cluster rings with diamonds. One enamiled black mourning ring name M. Applin obit 1745 with one brilliant, one black enamilled ring name T. Cox obit 1743, a pair stone Shew, four stay, a pair of knee and a girdle buckle, sundry Trinketts for whatch—Earrings &c &c One blue cloth Coat with silver buttons with Spangles, Two Scarlet Cloth waistcoats embroidered with silver, one with a broad single border the other a double border, a pair scarlet cloth breeches, One brown Casimere Coat gold buttons blue silk lining, one brocade waistcoat, a pair black silk, a pair black Velvet two pr. nankeen breeches some white waistcoats, a Suit of green cloth with gold holes and buttons, an old brown stuff damask mornin gown taken from said Williams person, a brown mixt bever Surtoute coat with green Velvet Cape. N. B. The person who they called Captain put on and wore away said Gown and Surtoute, a good bever hatt with Crape hatt band, sword and one of the pistols, one man put one of scarlet waiscoats & Green Coat on, an other the other Scarlet waistcoat, an other took a worn bever hatt a tall man black hair high Eyebrows took a large old white Bever hat, they put them on their old hatts.—N. B. The cloaths are about 42 Inches cross the belly of a short Size. One yellow Tabby long sack and petty coat, one rich scarlet silk damask gown. One ditto scarlet with large white flowers, two white silk cloaks, with broad lace a new fann, sundry fine lace ruffles, Caps, handkerchiefs and aprons. Shifts, aprons, stockins, a long scarlet nap cloake with large hood faced with white spotted firr, sundry pillow cases & other things.

Also stolen and carried away Three red morroco Pocket Cases containing Bonds, Notes and other specialties to the amount of Several Thousand pounds all payable to said HEN. WILLIAMS.

General Washington to William Duer.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 505.]

HEAD QUARTERS MORRIS TOWN, 14th January 1777.

DEAR SIR: I some time ago rec[d] Advice that a large parcel of Cloathing was forwarded from New England to peekskill with an intent to come on to this Army.

I could not account for its being delayed there, untill I was just now informed by the Quarter Mas[r] General, that the Convention of your State had appropriated 26 Bales of it to their own use without consulting him in the least. This I look upon as a most extraordinary piece of Conduct, and what involves me just at this time in the greatest difficulties, for depending upon that Cloathing, I have not applied else where, and the Troops in the field are now absolutely perishing for want of it.

I have therefore to desire that what is not made use of may be immediately forwarded to me and that in future not the least Article may be stopped upon the way without giving me due notice, that I may know how to regulate myself.

I dont doubt but your Troops were in want, but consider they were in comfortable Barracks, while ours are marching over frost and Snow, many without a Shoe, Stocking or Blanket. I am, Dear Sir, y[r] very hble Serv[t]

WILLIAM DUER, Esq[r] G[o] WASHINGTON.

John Haring to John McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 513.]

PARAMUS, January y^e^ 14^th^ 1777.

SIR: The Bearer will inform you how and in what manner a number of Horses and some cash was taken from Sabriskie, Dureemus and Rider, by some of Gen^l^ Clinton's men. He will also inform you what steps the Owners of the Horses and cash intend to take for the purpose of getting redress.

I beg it as a particular favour that you will Assist them in getting a hearing before the Convention.

I am Sir Your Friend and Most Humble Serv^t^

JOHN HARING.

Gerard Bancker to James Livingston.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 525.]

FISHKILL, January 14^th^ 1777.

SIR: On the 7^th^ November last I did by Letter acquaint Pierre V. Cortlandt Esq^r^ then President, that it was not convenient for me to transact the Treasury Business, and desired.the Convention would appoint a Deputy Treasurer to receive the Public Monies and papers that were in my Hands. But as no person has yet been appointed, I beg leave to remind you of my Letter, as it is not agreeable to me to continue the Treasury Business any longer.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully, Sir, Your Most Hum^ble^ Servant,

GERARD BANCKER.

To JAMES LIVINGSTON Esq^r^ Chairman of the Comm^ee^ of Safety.

Samuel Tuder to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 519.]

POUGHKEEPSIE, Jan^y^ 14^th^ 1777.

GENTLEMEN: Agreeable to your directions we have kept the Most of our Carpenters employd on the Ships, but as there is not much carpenters work now to be done on board and we cannot employ them without great disadvantage to the Ships: would recomend to have them employed cuting Ship Timber to be rode down to some landing when the Slaying is good, which will be ready whenever wanted—Phillip Livingston Esq^r^ informs M^r^ Burling that had not this State been invaded we Should have had a Seventy four Gun Ship to build and from the Success of our Arms in the State of New Jersey gives us reason to think that the Timber wont be lost. If we keep the Carpenters on the Ships it will make them come much higher and be a disadvantage to this State in future. M^r^ Burling the bearer one of our master builders can give you the fullest information.

There is not much above a week's work for all the Carpenters on the Ship Gen^l^ Montgomery. I am with great respect Gentlemen, Your Hble Serv^t^

SAM^L^ TUDER.

Isaac Davis to General George Clinton.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 521.]

CLOVE, January the 14^th^ 1777.

HONOURED SIR: I most Humble Beg Leave to acquaint you with the Contents of my Inlisting Under Cap^t^ Hasbrook; he Came to my Father in Laws at Shandakan & Spooke there for his Quarters & Insisted Upon my Inlisting. I told him I Could not Because I had a family to maintain and had to Build that fall. Then he Promised me that he should be Stationed at Shandaken and Should Range knowhere but from a

place Called the Blue Mountains towards Rochester and that I should have my board at my house. He Promised me that he Should help me make my house done with his men and that I Could have his men at any time for an afternoon Spell to Clerr Land I told him if he would Promise me that he would Discharge me if he Should be Called to any other place which he Readily Did and Promised me If he Should be ordered to Lye in a Garison or Be Drafted among the Standing forces or be Called out of the County he would Discharge his men all these Promises he made and was in his Power to perform and Upon these fair Promises I have Listed Six men who are mad at me for Deceiving them. Now he Denies all what he has before promised & has Carried us away as far as orange County. I left my Wife and two Little Children behind & nobody to provide for them which Should be Reduced to Great want and poverty if I must Continue; therefore I beg you if you will be so kind and Lay the matter Before the Convention which I trust will find a method to prevent my Ruin. It is a Very hard thing that I must Ruin my Self and he and two Lieuts Draw full pay for Eight Privates.

I take Leave to Subscribe my self your most Obedient Servant

ISAAC DAVIS, Jr

P. S. He has promised three times as much which I can prove.

Report on Inoculating for Small Pox

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 74]

In Committee of Safety for the State of New York, Fishkill, Jany 15th 1777.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the Report of the Committee, have according to order taken the same into consideration and beg leave to report the following Preamble & Resolution.

Whereas the small Pox prevails in several parts of this State and there is reason to apprehend that notwithstanding every Precaution it will become more general & predominant. And whereas the salutary Practice of Innoculating for that Disease is totally prohibited within this State by a Resolution of the provincial Congress passed on the 18th day of December 1775 and the good People thereof are consequently exposed to the danger of being visited by that fatal Distemper in the natural way. And whereas at the same time that it is proper to remove the Discontents of the good People of this State by reason of their being deprived of the advantages of Innoculation it is also necessary to prevent as far as possible the spreading of that Disease in places thro' which the Troops of the United States may be called to pass or may be Stationed for the Defence of the Country,

Resolved therefore that the general Committee of each respective County within this State do appoint and assign fit and suitable places for Innoculating Hospitals in their respective Counties, using every precaution in their power to prevent the spreading of the small Pox In, on or Near any of the publick Roads or in or near any City, Town or Village thro' which the Troops of the United States usually or may probally pass or in which they are or may be Stationed, and that the practice of Innoculation be restricted to such places as shall be so appointed by the respective County Committees in which it shall be lawful for all Persons to innoculate & be innoculated notwithstanding the aforesaid Resolution of the Provincial Congress to the Contrary—

Resolved, further, that if any Person or Persons shall inoculate for the small Pox at any Place or Places other than those appointed by the Committees of each County, he she or they so offending shall forfeit the Sum of five hundred Pounds for the use of this State.

Mr. Sessions, Mr. Gelston, dissts

Captain Winn to the Convention.

[Petitions, 33: 666; Miscel. Pap. 38: 461.]

ALBANY, 15th January, 1777.

HONOURED GENTLEMEN: I am thro' unfortunate necessity obliged to make application to your Honourable by presenting the Inclosed Memorial (which hope you will be good Enough to take into Consideration) in which have set down some instances of the behaviour of Jacob Weaver, A Ranger by me Enlisted in my Company in your Service, beg leave to inform your Honours that for Fear of Tiring your patience have omitted to mention several Crimes by him Committed, while under my Command, and also beg leave to assure your Honours that there is not a single sylable in my Memorial mentioned but I am ready to prove fully and clearly when thereunto required or when it shall please your Honourable House to Give order for a Court of Enquiry or a Court Martial to Enquire into my Conduct, which not only beg for, but hope your Honours will not be offended at my making demand of a Court of Enquiry to examine into the Affair and of a General Court Martial for my Tryal if any is necessary to clear up my character to an Impartial World. As I have been treated in an unheard of manner by the Committee of Tryon County who have never put me under arrest agreeable to the Continental Rules of Warr under which I am appointed an officer, but instead thereof ordered me to be Close Confined in the Common Prison in Johnstown, which cannot help thinking is a willfull mistake in them, and bad usage to me, unhappy and unfortunate as I am, whether I have done wrong or not, in at all times as farr as lay in my power kept my Company Active on their duty agreeable to my orders received from the former Committee of Tryon County, and when not only they but their relations tho't that they were to be excused from duty on acc^{t} of their Money's not immediately coming to hand. I advanced them my own money for their Maintenance and kept them on duty when the other two Companies were at home. I say if this is to be accounted a Crime, I have done it, but hope it will be otherwise looked on. If any of the Rangers in my Company accused me with missusage or had I wantonly or willfully missused any of them then should think my Circumstances if possible more unhappy than they are. Had I ever disobeyed any Commands of the Committee or any other person or persons having power or authority to Command me, should never dare to lift up my voice to ask for that proper support I hope to obtain from your Honours. I ever was and will be obedient in all things to my superiors; ever have wished for an opportunity to shew with what Readiness I would lay down my life in my Country's service, and hope that your Honourable House will never be the Encouragers of Mutiny or Licentiousness in your Soldiery more especially in so precarious and necessary Service as that of Rangers which requires not only the most strict subordination but also Silence, Interpidity and Courage. I humbly hope your Honours will take this my most unhappy case into your consideration and give such orders therein as to your Honours in your superior wisdom shall seem good, and that I may have Liberty of joining my Company, and no longer ly inactive, but that I may have the honour to lead my Company where both myself and them may be of some further service to the Country by at least attempting to destroy some part of the Enemy's Fleet now lying Frozen up at the North end of Lake Champlain, or else joining the Army in endeavouring to regain possession of the City of New York in the doing of which I am will to venture all Hazards and hope your Honours will see me worthy to be Allowed and beg leave to subscribe myself with the utmost Respect and Fidelity, Honoured Gentlemen, Your most obedient and Most Devoted Humble Servant JOHN WINN.

To the Honourable President and Members of the Convention of Representatives of the State of New-York.

The Memorial of Capt^{n} John Winn Lately Commanding A Company of Rangers in Deffence of American Liberty, Humbly Sheweth,

Your Memorialist was on the 1st of August last apointed to Enlist and Command

a company of Rangers, which he did in the County of Tryon, and on the 4th of same Month Enlisted one Jacob Weaver a Soldier in sd Company.

The 28th Augst your memorialist in geting sd Company Mustered ordered sd Weaver to pass the Muster Master which he disobeyed, but as he was present was by the Muster Master excused.

The 29th Augst was ordered by the Committee to March with the Company to the South-west End of Lake Otsego. The 30th of Augst sent a Soldier to Jacob Weaver's House, order him to Join the Company Which order tho' punctually delivered was by him disobeyed.

The 5th Septemr Recd intelligence by Express from John Frey Esqr Chairman of the Committee, that he expected Stone Arabia won'd be Attacked by the Enemy Immediately and ordering me there with all Speed with my Company, that night Marched with my Company all Night thro' the Woods & the next morning reached the Mohawk River. As Jacob Weaver had disobeyed my orders & not Joined the Company sent A Soldier the second time to order him to join the Company. He came in the Afternoon without Arms, said his Gun was sent to be repaired. I advanced him money to pay the Repairs, ordered him to Return to me immediately when he got his Gunn. This he also disobeyed. Instead of doing this he stayed some days Drunk at the House of Wm Seeber, Esqr as I am since informed. The 7th Septemr Ordered Lieut. Gross to March out with 20 Men to Lake Otsego, and to carry Weaver with him. Lieutenant Gross after some days got him, but not without Trouble, and Ordered him on a Scouting party thro' the Woods to the German Flatts to Return Immediately. When they Arrived at the German Flatts Jacob Weaver directly in disobedience of Lieut Gross's orders as well as Contrary & in disobedience of the Officer who Commanded the Party stayed three days drunk at the House of Capt. George Herkimer.

After your Memorialist having Ranged the Woods N° East of Stone Arabia with Two partys of Rangers & found no appearance of an Invasion or Enemy, was ordered to March with my Company again to Lake Otsego. When I came there found Jacob Weaver was Left Lieut Gross Contrary to orders. Sent for him. He stayed untill the 4th of October, when he again Runn away; while your Memorialist was ordered to attend the Committee. On my return ordered a Soldier to goe to his House, & order him to Return to the Company. This he also disobeyed. Some days after sent another Soldier to order him to Return to his Duty. This he also disobeyed as well as Returning me Threatening and abusive Answers. The 18th of October Recd intelligence that Genl Schuyler was apprehensive Ticonderoga and North Frontiers of Tryon County wou'd be attackted by the Enemy. Tho't it my indispencible duty to bring my Company to where they might most Readyly be usefull in deffence of the Country and discovering the Enemy, Hired a Horse and Sent One of the Rangers to order Jacob Weaver to Join the Company not having returned since the 4th This he also disobeyed.

The 20th of October your Memorialist was ordered by the Committee of Tryon County to March with his Company to Philadelphia Bush, and from thence Range the Woods as farr as Fort George, which order your Memorialist received with great pleasure, thinking it might be a means of gaining an Oppertunity to Convince the World it was his greatest pride and happyness of defending with his life the inestimable Rights of this country. The same day at the House of Gose Van Allstyne at Conajoharry, a number of the Privates Mutinized, refused to March any further or do any sort of Military duty untill paid of their full Arrears of pay, altho' they see the Militia March off before them who were to receive neither pay nor Bounty. Your Memorialist offered them all the money in his possession yet unexpended in the Maintainance of them; the Greater Number then Returned to their duty; your Memorialist then received another order from another party of the Committee ordering me to March my Company directly back again to the House of Wm Seeber, Esqr which did. When arrived there they ordered me to send a party of Men to to bring Jacob Weaver to join the Company which I did; after some debate among them they ordered me to Obey the first order, I had Recd from Caughnawaga, that night again Marched as farr as Van Allstyne's, Jacob Weaver in the Night took

Opportunity to endeavour to Raise a second Mutiny, advising the men not to March any further at the same time Swearing if your Memorialist should Attempt to compell him or any other man in the Company to March out of the County he wo'ld murder me, as your Memorialist borrowed Ninety dollars from Brigadier General Herkiemer which together with my own Money not yet expended in Maintainance of the Company, tho't Sufficient for their present Necessitys in the Morning of the 22^{d} Septem^{r} at Gosse Van Allstyne's got the Company in Rank in order to March. Upon my ordering them to March Jacob Weaver disobeyed, jumped out of the Ranks, swore he would do no sort of Military duty, unless immediately paid his full pay, abusing the other Soldiers for Cowards and Rogues for not following his Example, I took his Gun away ordered him to be Marched in the Rear of the Company a prisoner, when we came to the Ferry kept by Martin Van Allstyne, s^{d} Weaver asked for his Gunn which was ordered to be returned to him, give him some Money and a dram, after he got his Gunn, he told me never to Attempt to take his Gunn from him again or make him a prisoner, for if I did, he swore he would shoot me thro' the Heart, to which I answered him I should never neglect my duty thro' fear of any threats from him or any other persons, — upon the Road in marching thro' Johnstown the whole Company was detained by him about Two Hours, tho' your Memorialist sent two persons to order him two Sundry times under Arms, he disobeyed and would not appear untill I myself went personally to bring him out of A Tavern between Johnstown and Philadelphia Bush, he had the Effrontarry to tell your Memorialist that it was not worth while for the Americans to attempt to fight for their Libertys, saying the Country was Sold for a price by those persons who were at the Head of Affairs, for which I reprimanded him Sharply and cautioned him not to make use of such Language in future — Upon arrival of the Company in Philadelphia Bush, while Shoes, Provisions, &c., were getting ready for the Company, Jacob Weaver wasted all his Ammunition. In the Morning of the 28th of October when Reddy to March on a Scout to Fort George was obliged to take from the Soldiers left behind from each Soldier a little powder and Ball to make up a sufficiency for s^{d} Weaver before I Marched, give a very Strict Charge to the Party then going with me to be silent, watchful and by no means any of them to Attempt to fire a Gunn without my Espicial orders or Liberty, yet nevertheless s^{d} Weaver, disobeyed, was noisey and unrully in the Woods fired off his Gunn Twice while I was standing close to him Commanding him not to fire.

The 31st of October in Crossing Hudsons River on a Raft at the House of M^{r} Jessop the Elder, when the Raft was broke by the Negligence of S^{d} Weaver, Your Memorialist was wet Breasthigh saving S^{d} Weaver's Arms as well as my own dry. That Night S^{d} Weaver complained of being unwell. I then caused him to ly on a feather Bed close by the fire which M^{r} Jessop had provided for me. Bro't up stairs an armfull of Indian Corn Stalks and there lay on them with my Lieutenants. The next Morning Offered to leave him there along with W^{m} Roorey another Soldier who Complained of being also a little unwell, he Refused to stay behind saying he was well enough to go to Fort George, taking up his Gunn said he wou'd fire her off. I commanded him not to fire. He disobeyed my Orders, Fired of his Gunn while I was standing close by him Ordering him not to fire. A number more of the Rangers were going to follow his example. I with difficulty restrained them, Ordered them to March in a Quiet, Silent & Watchfull Manner for Fort George. When we Arrived at the Five Mile Runn, after allowing the Soldiers time to take a refreshment I ordered them to turn out and form in Rank in order to March to Fort George. The Soldiers all Immediately obeyed except S^{d} Jacob Weaver who disobeyed. When all the Rest were Ready to March & had waited some time sent a Sergeant to order him again out, who returned and told me he could not get him out. I went myself to the House, when I ordered him out he told me he would first Eat Dinner. I patiently waited until he had done, ordered him out. After some time found he disobeyed in not coming, that a number more of the Soldiers were again gone out of the Rank into the House. Ordered the Sergeants to goe again to the House and order them all out into their Rank; who returned & told me they would not come out, but disobeyed both my orders and theirs. I again

went myself to the House ordered them all to goe out and goe to their Respective places in the Ranks, they all Obeyed except S^{d} Jacob Weaver, who swore he wou'd first cut his Box full of Tobacco. I then asked him if he would go with me to Fort George or stay there until my return, he answered I will goe to Fort George but you must first give me a dram. This I did. While I was paying for the Liquor I heard a Gunn fired, went out but could not Learn who Fired — Observed S^{d} Weaver making Ready to fire off his Gunn, see and heard one of the Sergeants order him not to fire off his Gunn but fall into his Rank in order to March. I called to him Twice myself ordering him not to Fire. He looked at me yet Disobeyed my orders and Fired off his Gunn. I then again ordered him to goe to his place in the Rank. He again disobeyed, said he would not go into the Rank, that he stood well Enough. I repremanded him for firing away his Ammunition as well as disobeying my orders and ordered him to go immediately to his proper place in the Ranks. He not only disobeyed my orders but give me abusive language, and to justifie himself says when I shot I intended to have Shott the Head out of yon Barrel and it does not Signifie your taking so much Command over me I stand well Enough and will not fall into any other Rank than I now am, tho' will prove he stood at or near the distance of Ten or Twelve paces in the Rear of the Ground on which the Rank was formed. I again ordered him to fall into his Ranke; he again disobeyed giving me the former Ans^{r} I will not &c. I see he looked angry at me, thought him preparing to advance to Strike me, on which I pushed at him with my Gunn, not intending to do him the Least Bodily injury but to oblige him to obey my orders and fall into his place in the Ranks. He as soon pushed at me, nocked off a piece of Skin and Flesh of my Hand, Catched hold on my Gunn, broke the Ramrod and Endeavoured to disarm me, I disengaged myself and my Arms from him and left him.

He complained of being Hurted went into the House, while I proceeded on my March to Fort George, the next Morning was informed he was unable to March. Got Doctor Budd to goe to see if he was in need of a doctor's Assistance. When the Doctor had examined him he told me S^{d} Weaver was not in the Least danger or ill by reason of any hurt received from me, that as soon as the fumes of Liquor were expelled from him he wou'd be perfectly well and that S^{d} Weaver could not dy if he was to try for it — I nevertheless left a Soldier belonging to the Company to attend him with a Six dollar Bill and half a Guinea to pay for their maintenance until S^{d} Weaver should be able to Return home,—

I now call Almighty God to Witness, that my Intention or my Heart never meant nor was never stained with Malice or the least willful intention of doing the man the Least Bodily injury. Think that if I am blamed with Killing him, the Charge is unjustly laid against me, as will bring good proof that all the while he lay in Philadelphia Bush he complained of being unwell and unable to do any sort of duty, tho' too Stubborn to inform me of it—in the morning before we Marched from Philadelphia Bush on the Scout to Fort George he exchanged his Beef for Butter with the Woman of the House where he Lodged and Complained to her that he was unwell and unable to do his duty, and when advised by the Woman to inform me of his being not well & unfit for duty, told her no he would not give me the Satisfaction or Honour to ask my Liberty to stay behind if he shou'd dy on the Road.

Thus happened this unhappy afair, I not having the Least intention of injuring any Person, but doing what I tho't my unavoidable duty, that of keeping Silence and Good order among the Men under my command, if I was to be afraid to order them to do their duty, what was for their own Credit and good, and had no Authority to Restrain them from Mutinizing, Shooting away their ammunition and making a noise when perhaps the Enemy might be within Hearing of the Report of our arms and Noise, what figure should we have made or in what manner defended ourselves should we happen to be attackted by the Enemy when our Ammunition was all Expended Shooting at Marks in direct disobedience to the orders of the Officer Commanding the party. If my Authority permitted me to restrain the Rangers under my Command from wasting their Ammunition, Noise, Quarreling, and Drunkenness well, if not, if I had no authority to keep order while upon Actual duty in the Woods, I was rendered at once incapable of serving my Country properly as an

Officer in so precarious and Hazardous A Station as that of an Officer in the Rangers —and the Rangers more properly to be called Rioters if instead of the most Strict good order, Military Discipline, Activity, Courage & Watchfulness, Hollowing, Shooting, Noise, Drunkenness, Quarrels and disturbance in disobedience to the Command of their Officers were to be their Exercise which ever was Jacob Weaver's favourite Occupation.

Shortly after my Arrival in Tryon County I was Confined by the order of the Committee of that County in the Common Guard-house, among a parcel of Torrys in the Goal at Johnstown upwards of Forty days, tho' I repeatedly petitioned them to give or get an order for my tryal by A Court Martial agreeable to the Continental Rules of Warr, this they yet have not done, and would have yet remained in the same deplorable state of Confinement, had not Col: John Nicholson upon being ordered to Leave Johnstown Ordered me to goe with the Regiment to Albany since which time I have Petitioned The Honourable Major Gen^{l} Schuyler for to take my case into Consideration and give such orders therein as his Superiour Wisdom should direct, and shall not Leave this place without his Orders or Liberty or Orders from your Honourable House.

If Soldiers or Rangers will get drunk, disobey the Commands of their Officers when on Actual Duty and Wantonly waste their Ammunition in the Woods when they should be Silent, obedient to their Officers & watchfull as Hawks, what will be the Consequences but the Endangering the Lives of such Soldiers who do behave well, and of Ruining the Country which they are enlisted to deffend. Such hath been the Behaviour of Jacob Weaver, a Man whose whole Life hath been one Continual Scene of Drunkenness, Quarreling, and Disturbance and disobedience to the Laws of God and Man.

Your Memorialist will prove that on the March between Canajoharry and Fort George it was the avowed Intention and Intent of S^{d} Jacob Weaver to attempt to murder me, only for causing him to do his duty.

Your Memorialist tho' rendered unhappy and distressed, as much as is possible for a man to be at the unhappy Event of this unfortunate affair, humbly hopes that there is & Ought to be a proper Subordination keept up in all your Armys, and that this unhappy affair will be Looked upon by your Honourable House and the World as an unfortunate Accident happening in the way of an Officer in the way of his Indispenceible Duty—Endeavouring to cause Mutinous Soldiers to do their duty in the Manner they ought.

Your Memorialist begs leave to inform your Honours that he maintained his Company of Rangers on his own private Money from the time of their going on duty untill the 14th of Novem^{r} last. That he never disobeyed or left unexecuted the Orders of the Committee, or any Superior Officer. That he hath served His Country with Integrity and Courage, as well while Clerk of the Committee of Tryon County as since his being appointed an Officer which the Members of the Late Committee will Testifie at any time when called on. That he hopes your Honours will be the Supporters of Order and good discipline and Consider that Guard houses or places of Confinement are seldom found in the Woods and that it may be in the power of an ill behaved, Mutinous unrulley man in the Woods to Make such a noise & Alarm as will cause the whole party to be either Taken, or killed by the Enemy, who may perchance be better disciplined.

Your Memorialist begs leave to inform your Honours that since my Confinement, am informed the Licentiousness of the Rangers hath been so great that they have Wasted or Embezelled almost all the Ammunition sent up for their use by Major General Schuyler. That they hold their Fists under Lieutenant Gros's Nose threaten to beat and abuse him and refuse to obey his Commands—that they are Suffered by this Committee (Lately Ellected) to remain idle and all orders & Military Government disregarded by them Stealing the wealth of the Publick without any intention of Serving the Countrys Cause from any brave, Patriotick or Generous Principles.

Your Memorialist humbly prays your Honours will believe him to be what he Really is and Ever will be, a true and faithfull Servant of The American Cause, and prays your Honours will be pleased to take his unhappy Circumstances into Con-

sideration and give the most Speedy Orders Either for his Tryal by A Court Martial, or Release him from his Confinement as your Honours in your Superiour Wisdom shall think best—and hopes he will be no longer keept in Confinement, but that he may have an oppertunity of being of further Service to his Country & your Memorialist will ever pray. JOHN WINN.

ALBANY 10th January, 1777.

Petition of Mary Hanly and Bridget Morgan.

[Petitions, 33: 672.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York or in their recess to the Committee of Safety.

The Petition of Mary Hanly wife of Edward Hanly and Bridget Morgan daughter of Benjamin Morgan of the City of New York, Cordwainer, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner Mary Hanly on or about the fourteenth day of September last came from the City of New York with one Child and the greater part of her Effects to Peeks Kill expecting to return on the second day following to remove her husband, and her other child. That on the following day and before she could possibly return to the City, the Enemy took possession thereof. That her husband is now about forty years of age, and for several years past has been much emaciated, weak and infirm, and frequently so lunatic for many weeks at a time as to be necessarially bound or confined. That your Petitioner Bridget Morgan is of the age of thirteen years, and left the city of New York at the time above mentioned, expecting her parents by the next Boat to Peeks Kill, but that the arrival of the Enemy in the City, prevented their coming out of the City. That your Petitioners on the twenty-sixth day of December last were by this Honourable House encouraged to hope for permission to go into the said City as soon as any permission should be given to any persons. That your petitioners have been informed that permission of a similar nature have since been given to Mrs Hazard and others. Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that in tender consideration of their distresses as before set forth, Your Petitioner Mary Hanly may be permitted to go into the said City to endeavour to bring her said Husband and her other Child to Peeks Kill, or otherwise to endeavour to take such care of them as may preserve their Lives, and that your Petitioner Bridget Morgan may be permitted to return to her parents. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

MARY HANLY,
BRIDGET MORGAN.

FISHKILL, January 15th 1777.

Paroles of Mary Hanly and Bridget Morgan.

[Petitions, 33: 680.]

FISHKILL, January 15th 1777.

We the subscribers Mary Hanly, wife of Edward Hanly, and Bridget Morgan with Leave of the Committee of Safety, about to repair to New York, do severally, solemnly swear on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God not to give, communicate or convey any Intelligence either by speaking, writing or otherwise, relating to the Army of the United American States, or relative to the State of New York, or the Controversy now subsisting between Great Britain and the said United American States to any person or persons whomsoever, and that we will not do any act, matter or thing to the prejudice of the said States, or either of them, nor convey any Letters or writing without Leave of the Committee of Safety after their Inspection.

her
MARY *m* HANLY,
mark
BRIDGET MORGAN.

Sworn this 15th day of January, 1777,
JAMES LIVINGSTON, Chairman.

Affidavit of Lieut. Alger.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 603.]

William B. Alger a Lieutenant in Captain Dorland's Company in Col° Humphreys Regiment being duly sworn & Examin'd says:

That on or about the third of October Ins^t^ he was at the House of Jacob Deane in Charlotte Precinct in the nine Partners, that he asked the said Deane whether he had any Deerskins to sell, that the said Deane told him he had, and accordingly laid out several skins. That the man offered to part with the skins, and that he deponent agreed to give him the Price he asked for them; that the deponent asked him whether he would not abate anything of the Price he asked, that the said Deane told him that it depended upon what sort of money he meant to pay him; That he this deponent told him that he meant to pay him in the money which was Current, namely Continental money, that he had no other money—That the said Jacob Deane said that he would not part with his skins for that money; that he never had taken that money, and he never intended to and further this Deponent saith not. WM B. ALGER.*

January 16, 1777.

Affidavit of Isaac Adriance.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 397.]

Isaac Adriance of Rumbout precinct Dutchess County being Duly Sworn Deposeth and saith—

That on last friday week came to this Deponants house one Joseph Bean. The Deponant not being at home S^d^ Bean followed him to one of the neighbours houses where he told the Deponent that he must Send his waggon and Horses to Fish Kills the next day to Ride baggage. The Deponent made some Excuses that his horses were hardly fitt as they had been lately in the Servis. The S^d^ Joseph Bean Replyed they must go or he would Send for him on which the Deponent Consented to Send them and Early the next morning Sent one of the Horses by his Son to the blacksmiths to be Shod. The boy soon Returned and told the Deponent that the Horse was taken from him on which the Deponant went Immediately to the blacksmiths, where he found his Horse tied to the fence which he untied and attempted to lead off, upon which S^d^ Joseph Bean Says are you going off with that horse. The Deponent answered yes. Bean Replyed you must not I want him to Ride. The Deponent Replyed this is one of the horses you pressed yesterday to go in the waggon. S^d^ bean Reply'^d^ I will have the horse and took hold of the halter and Indeavour^d^ to Rest it out of the Deponants hand when a Considerable Strugle Insued in which the Deponant Slipt the halter off of the horses head and the horse Run home. S^d^ Bean Collected a number of armed men and Came to the House of the Deponent and Commanded him to put the halter on the horse and lead him out of the Stable which the Deponent Refused and orderd them off his farm upon which they Damb^d^ him for a Son of a bitch and S^d^ bean orderd the Soldiers to Seize him and Cary him to Thomas Storms which they Did accordingly and then kept him under guard near one hour. Then told him If he would pay the Cost and make proper acknowledgements he might be Discharged which by the perswations of Some friends and the Distress of his family he Complyed with and paid three Shillings his Horse taken away and kept out untill next Day and then oblidged to go Immediately off in the wagon. ISAAC ADRIANCE.

Sworn before me this 18^th^ of Januay 1777,

ZEPHA^n^ PLATT, J^s^

* Commissioned paymaster to the regiments of volunteers raising.

Petition of Alexander Baldwin.

[Petitions, 33: 664.]

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of Alexander Baldwin Cap^{t} of a Company of Rangers raised for the Defence of the County of Albany in said State, Humbly Sheweth,

Whereas your Petitioner has on the 10th of August last engaged in the Service by virtue of a warrant from the Honourable Committee of Albany to Range the woods in the County of Albany in consequence of which he hath inlisted his Company who have notwithstanding chearfully and readily obayed every mandate from said Committee and more particularly their last orders to your Petitioner to march the Company to Fort Constitution, where after a short time they were ordered by General Heath to Peeks Kill and a few days after by order they returned to said Fort. That your Petitioners Company expecting to have Returned home by the 1st Instant in pursuance of the said Committee's order did not cloath themselves for any longer Continuance whereby they are rendered unable to proceed further or be any ways serviceable for want of such cloathing which are absolutely necessary to protect them from the inclemencies of the season, neither can they by any means get them by purchase or otherwise. Your Petitioner therefore requests you to take the Premises into consideration and issue out orders for his & Company's return to their Respective home that they may be enabled to supply themselves with necessaries against the time they be again called on in the Service, or else if after a due Examination of the above you find it to be most Beneficial for the service that they be discharged and raised again, on a new plan, beg your Honours would be pleased to Resolve accordingly, And your Petitioner shall ever pray,

ALEXANDER BALDWIN, *Cap^{t}*

Dated Fort Constitution, 18th January 1777.

Petition of John Savage.

[Petitions, 33: 662.]

Worthy Sir: I Your Humb Petin^{r} Do Humbly Begg that your Hon^{r} and your Honb^{l} House will be so gracious as To take your Peti^{rs} Sitiation into your Consider'n as far Gentlemen as to obtain the Benefit of his Excellency General Washington's Prockalamation Bearing Date Jan^{y} 25th that all Persons that was Suspecked as Being Enemy's to the United States should within the Term of thirty Days apply to the Gentlemen appoint^{d} for their Examin^{n} I therefore Begg that you'l Be so gracious as to order that I may app^{r} Before your Hon^{r} and the Honb^{l} House, Your Peti^{r} Grant shall be graciously & faithfully acknowledged

By Gent^{n} Your Obd^{t} & Faith^{l} Serv^{t}

Jan^{y} 19th 1777. JN^{o} SAVAGE.

Tory Property seized.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 535, 536; 36: 387, 568.]

An Account of Horse Creatures Sold by Mess^{rs} Moore, Smith and Rea, at publick Vandue at Fishkill the 7 day of Jan^{ry} 1777.—Said Creatures formly the property of Moses Shaw—taken by Coll^{o} Robert Ransler and his party.

Arch^{ld} Little Esq^{r} to a Sorrel Mare paid,	£7	15	0
John Larance to a Rone Mare paid,	13	10	0
Ebenezer Roddger to a Black Mare paid,	6	10	0
	£27	15	0

Rec^{d} January 14th 1777 from M^{rs} John Moore Nineteen pounds for which I promise to Credit the State of New York.

For P. V. B. LIVINGSTON, *Treas^{r}*

£19. GERARD BANCKER.

An Inventory of Sundrie Effects Taken in the House of one Earl nigh Hackensack on the 20th Day of Janr 1777 & now in store at N. Windsor Vizt

Army { A quantity of Bottles packed in a Barrel containing Oyle of Juniper, Sperits Volatile & Salt of Tartar.
1 Hogshead with Herbs.

1 Large Stone Pot wickered.
1 Steel Corn Mill & Hopper.
1 Back Gammon Table.
1 Large Dining Table much Damaged.
1 Tea Table damaged.
13 Chairs without Bottoms.
1 Chest of Drawers without top or brasses.
1 Spinnit.
1 Iron Chest left in charge of Col Hayse.
1 Chaise with all the Tackling except the Reigns & Bitts.

Taken about the same time neigh Hackensack.

3 Looking Glasses with Gilt frames.
1 Cavet of Steel 4 small Barrs. To be sent to Fishkill to the armory kept in the shop of Jacobus Loper.

Stores found at Fort Lee 20th January 1777.

Continental Stores.

16 Iron Spades & Shovels.
8 Pick Axes.
12 Iron Potts.
3 Horse Collars & Hames.
2 Horse Cart Saddles.
5 Old narrow Axes.
20 Old Tory Firelocks.

1 Hogshead near full of Bohea tea taken by Col Allison's Order & sent to the Q. Masters care at Slotts. There was more taken but never delivered in. It was shared (as is said) By Col Allison's and Heathams Order Among their men & account kept to whom delivered &c

To have it Sent to our Hospital for the use of our Sick and the Colnls to acct for what they have disposed of.

Fishkills, January 23th 1777.

Sales of Five Horses and a Slay and Harness by Order of Committee of Safety, by their Resolve passed, the 20th January Instant.

2 Sorrel Mares Slay & Harness,	Sold Mrs Brown,			£22	10	0
1 Black Horse, Saddle & Bridle,	to Capt Mc Kinstry,			13	0	0
1 Black Mare Do. & Do.	sold Jos: McCord,			17	10	0
1 Bay Mare, Do. & Do.	sold Richd Jackson,			27	0	0
				£80	0	0

				Dr.		
Cryer attending the Sale,	£0	8	0			
Capt Wm B. Algers acct for apprehending the tories and Horses & keeping,	21	12	0	22	0	0
Ballance Due to the State,				£58	0	0

GILBt DRAKE,
HENRY SCHENCK.

John McKesson to the Committee of Westchester.

[Miscel. Pap. 30: 468.]

[Jan^{y} 21, 1777.]

Gentlemen: On the 27th of Dec^{r} last the Convention resolved to call forth the Melitia of the Counties of Dutchess & West Chester for the Defence of the State, and for important Reasons directed an oath of Allegiance to be administered to every Male Inhabitant within the County of West Chester from the age of sixteen years upward—that each such Inhabitant shoud enroll himself in the Militia—The People called Quakers were excepted, and to each of them inhabiting the said County the following Affirmation was ordered to be administered, vizt: I —— —— do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm &c., —— inclosed is a Copy of the Test ordered to be taken by the Friends in West Chester County of 16 years of age & upwards.

The Convention are unanimously of opinion that they ought not to comply with your other Request to Suspend the administration of that Test; as they conceive it would be an unjustifiable partiality to the Friends; and raise an odious distinction between those of their Constituents of that Denomination, & their Constituents of all other Denominations in West Chester County.

The Committee of Convention appointed to hear & determine as to persons inimical & disaffected to the American Cause informed me that Jacob Deane & Solomon Haight were removed from this State "for having refused the Continental Bills of Credit, & attempting to depreciate that currency." A Conduct of that nature of all others is conceived to be the most unfriendly & dangerous to the Liberties of America & cannot but meet with severe anemedversion.

David Pye to Henry Wisner.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 497.]

Clarkstown, Jan. 21, 1777.

Sir: Of Late many persons about our part, have gone about pedling a few wanted articles and thereby take upon them to refuse the Continental Currancy and I doubt not but such person's possessed with that self-interested View are fitt Instruments to wind themselves into the General sentements of the people and able to give such intiligence to the Enemy as may be detremental to the Colonies. As to our State in perticular I think it will answer a good end if the Convention would enter into such Measures as will be Sufficient to prevent any persons from doing any thing in that way, but such as the Convention of the State shall impower so to do by their Certificate or other ways as may to them seem best.

I also think that the public stores are not so well taken care of as they ought to be and that many things Degenerates to private property, some person or person's appointed to inquire after and secure such things from imbezelment will be of General Service. I am with the Compliments of the season to you,

S^{r} your humb^{l} Serv^{t}

To Henry Wisner, Esq^{r} DAVID PYE.

Isaac Paris to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 286.]

Tryon County Committee Chamber, January 22^{d} 1777.

Honorable Gentlemen: Whereas several Complaints concerning Militia Fines laid upon privates and recovered of their respective Captains, came before our Board with request that their Cases might be heard, enquired and determined,

We therefore considered such grievances so appearing to us, pursuant to the fourth Clause in the Appendix to the Rules and orders for Regulating the Militia of New-York recommended by the provincial Congress Decem^{r} 20th 1775, and there-

upon Resolved that those fines shall be rendered again by the Respective Captains. The one Case thereof being a Fine inflicted upon an old Superaged Man's Son, which the Father thinks exempted of training, for having a Grist Mill, and pretending the tending thereof by his said Son. But as it is in the above mention[d] fourth Clause of the Appendix not particularly directed, how and in what manner such Restitution of Fines, if refused, Shall be prosecuted, We are somewhat Scrupulous of such further proceedings, and besides we must annex that the Brigade General Nicholas Herkheimer countrymands our orders to his Capt. concerned, and pretends, that such Fines shall not be rendered and in particular looks upon the above ment[d] old Miller's plea to be a Scheme & Deceit of the publick—We therefore are urged to make application to your Honorable Board, with humble Request to assist us with your Opinion in their Cases, and to favor us with your decisive Directions. We are with due Respect, Honorable Gentlemen, Your obed[t] humble Servants.

By order of the Committee,

ISAAC PARIS, *Chairman.*

To the Honorable Convention of the State of New York, at Fishkill.

P. S. We shall agreeable to the last Resolve of the Committee of Safety in a Meeting held at Fishkill the 14[th] of this Instant, remit to you an Exact Account of the Expenditure of all and every the Sums of Money, which from the Honor[ble] Convention have been lent or shall be advanced to our County, with the respective accounts and Vouchers of our Contingent Charges, as soon as possible, and as we shall have Collected and Received all those accompts—

By Order,

ISAAC PARIS, *Chairman.*

Francis Lewis to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 391, 435.]

Baltimore, 7 Jan[ry] 1777.

Gentlemen: I lately wrote you by an Express, wherein I informed you that the State of New York was not represented in Congress, nor indeed has it been, for several months past, except at some small intervals, — I am at present the only Delegate for New York at this place, and the members are continually urging me to request you would compleate your representation in Congress, as business is now multiplying upon their hands, and so many members detached upon Committees &c., that the business in Congress is retarded, add to this that our State sometimes suffers for the want of a Vote in Congress which I beg you would speedily remedy.

I have the honor to be respectfully Gent[lm] Your very Hum[ble] Serv[t]

F. LEWIS.

Report on M[r] Lewis' Letter.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Letters from Francis Lewis Esq[r] relative to the Subsistence of the Delegates of this State to the Continental Congress and the keeping an adequate Representation of this State in that House, beg Leave to report,

That on the 22[d] Day of April 1775, twelve Delegates were chosen to represent the Colony of New York in Congress five of which were necessary to form a Quorum. Since which Period one of the said Delegates hath died, one of them resigned on account of the Declaration of Independence, and two others are employed in the Military Department — Wherefore there are at present only eight of the said Delegates now capable of attending. That on the 2[d] Day of Dec[r] 1775, it was determined that an allowance of four Dollars per Day should be made to each of the said Delegates for the Time he had been or should be absent from Home in the Service of the said Colony.

That this Convention was, among other things, chosen expressly for the Purpose of chusing Delegates to the hon^ble^ the Continental Congress. That by the Letters from Francis Lewis Esq^r^ and for Sundry other Reasons it appears to your Committee that this State hath suffered greatly from the want of an adequate Representation in the American Council, and

That the allowance of four Dollars daily to five members altho a great Expence to this State is at present insufficient to support our Delegates as such.

Your Committee therefore submit the Propriety of chusing six Persons capable of representing this State in Congress, Three of which constantly to attend, and two of them to be a Representation. That for such attendance they each receive eight Dollars per Day while they attend. That this House settle a certain Rotation for their attendance, and that so many of them as shall be in the Convention be a Committee of Correspondence with those who are at Congress.

Read Jan^y^ 22^d^ P. M., and referred till a meet^s^ of Convention.

Certificate for Benjamin Ellis.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 547.]

Dutchess County. These may Certify that Benjamin Ellis of pauling precinct this Day appered Before me and tuck the usual oath of alajanc prescribed By Convention. JAMES V. D. BURGH, *Lieut. Col^t^*

Januy 24, 1777.

Peter Van Schaack to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 403.]

KINDERHOOK, 25^th^ Jan 1777.

GENTLEMEN: I am now about setting out conformable to the Sentence of your Committee, to make the town of Boston my Prison, to which I am condemned by them unheard upon a Charge of *Maintaining* an *equivocal* Neutrality in the present Struggles. How far the Punishment of Banishment for this can be justified either by the Practice of other Nations, or upon those Principles on which alone legitimate Governments are founded, or how far it answers those *Ends* which alone make Punishments a lawful Exercise of Power, I shall not at present enquire; but as it implies that your Committee consider me as a Member of your State, it behoves me Gen^l^ to address you with that Freedom, which can never give Offence to the "Representatives of a free People." When I appeared before the Albany Committee I refused directly to answer the Question whether I considered myself as a Subject of Great Britain or of the State of New-York, because I perceived the Dilemma in which it would involve me of either bringing Punishment on myself in Consequence of my own Declaration, or of taking an Oath which if I had been never so clear respecting the Propositions it contains, under the Circumstances it was offered to me and in my present Situation I should not have taken. The Reasons peculiar to myself I Shall not now urge, but supposing the Independency of this State to be clearly established, I conceive it is premature to tender an oath of Allegiance before the Government to which it imposes Subjection, the time it is to take Place of the present exceptionable one; and who are to be our Rulers as well as the Mode of their Appointment in future are known; for with every favorable Allowance to those Arguments which Suppose it improbable that those who have contended for the Rights of Mankind will never invade them & that those who have vindicated Liberty against one Tyranny will establish or countenance another; I say admitting these Arguments to have Weight, both History & Experience have however convinced me that they are by no means conclusive. In the Resolutions of the Provin^l^ Congress of 31 May last I find it declared that "*many* & *great* Inconveniences attend the mode of Gov^t^ by Congress & Committees as of Necessity in many Instances *Legislative*, *Executive* & *Judiciary* Powers have been

vested in them." Now Gen[l] the Union of these Powers according to him whom the Continen[l] Congress call the "immortal Montesquieu" *puts an End to Liberty;* and is there not Cause, therefore (reasoning entirely from the Fallibility of Mankind without Respect to Persons) to be very jealous of a Government established by a Body of Men with such a Plentitude of Power especially when they have not given the Public the Common Security of an Oath for the fair and impartial Exercise of it? Have not the People a Right to expect that the intended Constitution should be published for their Approbation before they are compelled under so severe a Penalty as Banishment to swear Fidelity to it?

The Declaration of Independency proceeded upon a Supposition that the Constitution under which we before lived was actually dissolved and the British Governm[t] here as such totally annihilated. Upon this Principle we must have been reduced to a State of Nature, in which the Power of Government reverted to as they Originated from the People who had undoubtedly a Right to establish any new Form they thought proper, that portion of his natural Liberty which each Individual had before surrendered to the Governm[t] being now resumed and to which no one Society could make the Claim until he *incorporated* himself in it. But Gen[l] admitting there was never so clear a Majority in Favor of Independency & who were convinced that they were absolved from their Allegiance & admitting that you are now vested with Power to form a new Gov[t] by the Suffrages of a Majority of the People of this State; permit me to observe that those who are of different Sentiments be they never so few are not absolutely concluded in point of right thereby. The Question whether a Gov[t] is dissolved and the People released from their Allegiance is in my Opinion a question of Morality as well as of Religion in which every man must judge, as he must answer for himself; and this Idea seems fairly held up to the Public in your late Address wherein you speak of the present Contest "as a Solemn Appeal to the Supreme Ruler of all Events to whom *every Individual* must one day answer for the part he now acts." If he must answer for the Part he acts which certainly presupposes the Right of private Judgment he can never be justifiable in the Sight of God or Man if he acts against the light of his own Conviction. In Such a Case no Majority however respectable can decide for him. But admitting that a Man is never so clear about the Dissolution of the old Governm[t] I hold it that *every Individual* has still a Right to choose the State of which he will become a Member, for before he surrenders any part of his natural Liberty he has a Right to know what Security he will have for the Enjoyment of the Residue, and as Men being by Nature *free, equal* and independent, the Subjection of any one to the political Power of a State can arise only from his own *Express* Consent!· I speak of the Formation of Society and of a Man's initiating himself into it, so as to make himself a *Member* of it, for I admit that when once the Society is formed the Majority undoubtedly conclude the Rest. Upon these Principles I hold it that your Committee co[d] not justly put me to the Alternative of determining myself to be a Subject of Great Britain or of the State of New York, because sho[d] I deny Subjection to G. B. it would not follow that I must necessarily be a Member of this State; on the contrary I hold that I should still have a Right by the "immutable Laws of Nature" to choose any other State of which I would become a Member; and Gen[l] if you think me so dangerous a Man as that my Liberty at Home is incompatible with the Public Safety, I now claim it at your hands as my Right that you permit me to remove from your State into any other I may prefer, in which case I reserve to myself the Power of disposing of my Property by sale or otherwise.

I would not be so far misunderstood as if I supposed that no Person is amenable to the authority of a State unless he has *expressly* recognized and consented to it. I am aware that there may be an *implied* Consent arising from a temporary Residence in a Community and deriving "Protection from the Laws of the same." But to make a man a member of a political Society and a Subject of its Gov[t] in that sense which wo[d] restrain him from quitting it and removing to any other he may like better, I conceive that an express, positive, unequivocal Engagement is necessary. I am constrained therefore, to deny in its full Latitude the Assertion in your

Resolution of the 16 July last "That Persons *abiding* in the State and deriving Protection from the *Laws* of the same are *Members* of the State," for I hold that they are from these Circumstances merely no otherwise Members of it than in a Sense so qualified as to make the Position immaterial in the present Case. These as far as I understand them are the Sentiments of M^r^ Locke, and those other Advocates for the Rights of Mankind whose Principles have been avowed, and in some Instances carried into Practice by the Congress. According to these Principles I have endeavored to conduct myself during the present Calamities of the Country. Whatever my private Sentiments may have been of their Rectitude, Wisdom or Policy, I have acquiesced in the Proceedings of the Congress and expected whenever I should transgress their ordinances, to undergo the Penalty whether Fine, Imprisonment or otherwise, and this I conceived entitled me to Protection. Between Protection and *Reward* I conceived there was a wide Difference, for that the Man who took no active Part ag^t^ you was entitled to the former; but that a Claim to the latter co^d^ be founded only on some positive Merit, and as I never Sollicited *Favors*, I never expected to Suffer for wanting the Qualifications necessary to entitle me to them. Disposed however to make allowances for the Exigency of the Times, I wo^d^ cheerfully have Submitted to an abridgment of my Liberty if those in authority really thought it incompatible with the public Safety, but then in determining this I expected Regard wo^d^ be paid to the Principles of judicial Equity, and that those who gave an *opinion* respecting me Sho^d^ have been compelled to assign the *Facts* on which it was founded, and that I sho^d^ have had an opportunity of controverting them, and of impeaching the Credibility or prooving the *Infamy* of the *Informers* ag^st^ me. But if a *Test* was thought proper, I expected it wo^d^ have been in Consequence of a *General* Law putting all Men who are in the same Class in the same Situation, and not that it sho^d^ be left to the *Discretion* of particular Men to tender it only to such Individuals as Party, Family or Personal Malevolence sho^d^ point out to them.

I have several Times been apprized that my Brothers & myself have been represented to you as dangerous Persons whose Influence has disseminated a general Disaffection thro the District, upon wh^h^ Charge I shall be Silent, well knowing the invidious Light in which Declarations tending to remove Suspicions of this Nature are received. On this Subject however, I cannot forbear Sending you a Detail of Proceedings relative to this District in which perhaps you'll trace a Cause for its general Disaffection (if it be so) more efficacious than any Influence we can be supposed to have. An Enquiry into this cannot be unworthy of your attention and if you find an *adequate* Cause, I hope all *Conjecture* about an imaginary one will vanish. With this Detail you sho^d^ have been furnished sooner but that Complaints of the *Abuse* of Power are at this "Critical Day" looked upon as levelled at the Power itself & as done with a view to excite *Disunion*.

I shall now conclude with repeating my Request to quit your State, my Reasons for which are explained at large. If my Principles are ill founded or misapplied I shall retract my Errors when they are pointed out; but if they are founded in the "immutable Laws of Nature" and the Sacred Rights of Mankind, if they are such as are recognized by Writers of the greatest Eminence & if they are necessarily connected with the Same Principles on which the American Opposition is justified I trust that they will readily be admitted th^o^ urged by an Individual, nor do I conceive they come before you in an Extra-judicial Way, being evidently a Part of my Defence on a Charge which has been thought of Consequence enough to subject me to Banishment from my native Place.

I had several observations to make respecting the peculiar Nature of the Parole imposed on me but if I receive such an answer to my Request as I expect they will be superceded.

I am Gen^l^ Your most Obed^t^ Serv^t^

PETER VAN SCHAACK.

Detail of Proceedings in Relation to the District of Kinderhook.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 514.]

In June 1774 a Committee of two Persons was chosen for the District of Kinderhook and in May 1775 another Committee consisting of four was chosen to represent the District in County Committee. The former election was held at Cornelis Vosburghs and the second at the Church as appears by the Returns which was to continue till the 21 Decem^{r}

Paper A. On the 30th October the General Committee ordered new Elections throughout the County. Our District Committee gave regular notice to the Freeholders to meet at the house of Cornelis Vosburgh to elect a new Committee and to give their Votes for Deputies. The Poll was held and a number of Votes taken for Andries Witbeck, Barent Van Der Poel, Cornelis Van Schaack, Jun^{r} and Derek Gardinier — At length a few Votes were Challenged and rejected for not being Freeholders whereupon one Isaac Goes with a small Party left the place of Election and opened a Poll by their own authority at which after several Days Exertion they got a few more Votes than those taken by the District Committee. Both Polls were returned to the County Committee who received the one returned by the District Committee as the regular one. Some time after however the same Committee resolved that this matter should be referred to the new Committee and be resumed by them as the proper Judges.

Paper B. Their *Judicial decision* you will perceive by the inclosed Letter Marked B and the reasons why our District Committee refused to accede to the *Compromise*, you will collect from their answer annexed to it. All this time not a word was said about the Place of Election but after the New Committee took their Seats and had rejected a *second proposal for taking in two and two of a side*, it was then alleged that the Election was not held at the proper Place. In vain was it urged and proved that the House of Cornelis Vosburgh and Tobies Van Beuren were not above two hundred yards apart and that neither of the former Elections for Committees and Deputies had been held at the latter place, that to impeach the present election on account of its being held at a supposed wrong Place was to impeach every thing the District had done in Relation to Congresses and Committees, that although Elections for Town Officers had been for several years held at Tobias Van Burens yet before that time they had been held at other houses—and that in May 1772 the people at a Town Meeting in consequence of an Act of Assembly voted that their future Elections might be held at any place in the Town of Kinderhook.

Papers C & D. Notwithstanding all this, the Committee vacated the Election and took great offence at a Protest which our Members left in justification of their own and the Conduct of their Predecessors. Then it was that the General Committee being *credibly* informed by M^{r} Goes that tho the Majority of the old Freeholders might be against him yet upon the whole the Major Part of the Inhabitants were in his Favor, they ordered not that Tenants having lands of a certain Value but that *Every Inhabitant* should Vote. The new Election terminated in a great majority of Votes in Favor of the old Members. In May there was another Election which ended without opposition in Favor of Lucas Goes, Lambert Borghardt, Abraham Van Vleck, Peter Van Schaack who attended the County Committee at their next Sitting. It is proper here to remark that after the District Election & before this meeting of the Committees, Bodies of armed Men from Claverack & Kings District & from Massachusetts Bay had invaded the District and without authority of any Committee in this County had disarmed, dragooned and ill treated the Inhabitants, of which a regular Complaint was made to the County Committee in writing. A Sub Committee was by them appointed to inquire into the Facts who reported that they had been fully proved upon oath before them.

Paper E. Notwithstanding this no notice was taken of the Report, and no Redress given to the persons injured; and instead of passing a censure on the Delinquents the Committee left them in possession of what they had taken and expelled the District Committee, "Unheard, unquestioned and without even the specious formality of a trial" and that too by an order made expressly for the Purpose. The Election in November 1775 was ordered to be of the Freeholders (this was consonant to the order of the General Congress in 1774) that in January 1776 by all the Inhabitants; neither would answer the purpose of bringing certain persons in. A new Engine was now set in motion and none were to be chosen but those whose Principles were known to be friendly to the American Cause, and no Elector was to Vote unless he had signed the Association previous to that order —See Paper E. This paper was preceeded the day before with a party of 50 Men who came with an order from the General Committee to take up Seventeen of our Inhabitants among whom were those who have been supposed to have most Influence, and who were committed to Prison upon a Charge hereafter to be mentioned. But tho the Committee declared that there was a *just necessity* for the District being represented and though they had *fixed* the *Qualifiacations* for the *Members* as well as the *Voters* and tho the Persons who were supposed most unfriendly were safely lodged in Gaol and tho there was an armed Force to intimidate opposition, yet so it happened that the Election again failed as the returning officers (not Inhabitants of this District but appointed by the Committee) could not hold their Poll each having a different opinion from the other respecting the Mode of taking Votes & deciding the Qualifications of the Candidates & Electors. No return therefore was made and the District remained unrepresented.

This was in June & altho the Provincial Congress had ordered that the sense of the counties should be taken respecting the Deputies to form a new Government, and although the county committee had ordered Elections in every other District, yet the Freeholders of Kinderhook, as numerous, wealthy & respectable as any other District, were excluded from the Priveledge of voting on this truly momentous occasion.

During all this Time however tho the District was deprived (whether rightfully or arbitrarily must be submitted) of the Priviledge of a Representation, they were not however forgot when any *Burthens* were imposed, their Quotas of Drafts being strictly required & faithfully furnished with a Temper and Forbearance which encouraged new Insults.

The seventeen Persons who were apprehended upon the Mandate before mentioned were kept imprisoned for seventeen Days (all offers of Bail being rejected) and then all discharged, the Committee declaring that the charge against them was not of *sufficient weight to require Defence.* There was to be punishment however tho there was no Guilt, for notwithstanding their declared Innocence they were charged with the Expence of a Major with a party of fifty odd men to parade through the District tho not a man but would have attended upon the slightest Notice. Nor was this yet sufficient, but the Charges were to be accumilated, by transmitting the Bill of Costs to the Committee of another District, who employed an officer who levied his Milage in addition to the *original* Charges and all this without any Request from the Committee for the Payment or any intimation that they were to be paid.

Even at this very Time one of the Majors with some other Officers picked and culled by himself without any Notice to the other Field Officers are fining the People merely at their Will and Pleasure for not going on the late alarm. It is said that some of them have this week obtained Commissions superceding the old Field Officers, but they have been fining near a Fortnight before they received them.

Thus are the people deprived of their Property by a Resolve of the Committee (a Body in which they were not permitted to have a Representation and which was therefore a *Mutilated* one) a Resolve materially differing from that of the Provincial Congress as it imposes a Fine of *Fifty* Pounds, and a Resolve never published in the District, till its effects are so severely felt. Upon what Representation the Officers are superseded is not known as they have not had any Hearing previous to it, but it may be proper to remark that the Col° went up on the alarm with the

first and staid with the last of the Militia. This Officer is deprived of the Right of fining while Col° Lansing of Albany, who was buying Goods at Philadelphia during the Time holds his seat in imposing the Fines on his Regiment.

Thus have the Inhabitants of this District been used while Notwithstanding the assertion of the Committee that there was not only a necessity but a just one that they should be represented they have been excluded from a Representation at every Board on the Continent ever since June last, and at the Provincial and Continental Congresses too ever since December 1775, if the Election was justly vacated in January 1776, on account of its being held in an *improper Place*.

I pledge myself for the Proof of the above Facts if they are controverted.

KINDERHOOK, 25th Jan^{y} 1777. PETER VAN SCHAACK.

(A.)

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 2.]

ALBANY COMMITTEE CHAMBER, 30th Oct^{r} 1775.

The Committee agreeable to a resolve of the 26th Instant took into consideration the resolutions of the Provincial Congress of this Colony relative to Choosing Twelve Deputies to represent this County in Provincial Congress on the fourteenth day of November next & thereupon and in consequence of an explanatory letter from the Deputies of this County Resolved that an Election be held in every District in this County for the purpose aforesaid and that the Committees of said District hold the Election and make a Return of the Poll on the Tenth Day of November next to this Committee and furthur Resolved that the said Election be held on the seventh November next at the usual Places of Elections for annual officers and that the *Respective District Committees* by advertisement give previous notice to the *Freeholders* of the Time and Place of such Election.

Resolved that this Committee shall be Dissolved on the Twenty first Day of December next and that there be an Election held in every District of this county on the Seventh day of November next for Committees to represent the County from said Twenty first Day of December next until the Fourth Tuesday in May next, unless a reconciliation between Great Brittain and America shall sooner take place. That the District of Kinderhook shall have four members.

DISTRICT OF KINDERHOOK, 2 November, 1775.

In pursuance to the foregoing Resolution— The Committee for the District of Kinderhook do hereby give notice to all such of the Inhabitants as are qualified to Vote for Representatives* in General Assembly, that they will attend at the dwelling house of Cornelis Vosburgh inholder near the Dutch Church within the said District on Tuesday the Seventh day of November Instant, Eight o Clock in the morning for the purpose of taking their Polls for Deputies to represent them in Provincial Congress as well as members to represent them in the General Committee for this County—as those Representations may be of the utmost Consequence the Committee of this District hope and request that the meeting may be as numerous as possible in order that the collective sense of the Freeholders may be known and transmitted to the General Committee.

PETER VOSBURGH.
PETER S. VAN ALSTINE.
H. V. SCHAACK.
MATHEW GOES, Jn^{r}

(B.)

ALBANY COMMITTEE CHAMBER 7 Dec'r 1775.

GENTLEMEN: We are extremely unhappy to find that the misunderstanding that has but too long subsisted in the District of Kinderhook is not yet compromised. A new Cause of discontent has arose in consequence of the late Election held in the

* See article of Continental Association, the Powers given whereby being *included* in those of the Committees now to be chosen.

District for Delegates and Committees to represent the District, by what we can learn of the affair, we are apt to conclude that the Gentlemen of the Committee who held the Election had not seen the latter resolve of the Provincial Congress, by which Persons who had a Possession to the value of £80 were intitled to vote, in consequence of which none but Freeholders were permitted to vote agreeable to the first Resolution which seems to be the cause why two different Polls were held and eight members chosen instead of four—as a means to reconcile these Differences and for the sake of Peace so much wished for at this time. The Committee propose to you to take the eight Members, who have been returned on both polls, or otherwise propose to you to endeavour to agree amongst yourselves to take two Persons from each Poll, who together may represent your District or in short to endeavour to agree on any other mode which may reconcile a dispute so detrimental to the Interest of the County at this Critical time. To defeat the Intentions of those who are fond of promoting discord The Committee earnestly recommend to the District of Kinderhook that they will fall on such measures as will promote amongst them Peace and Harmony. We are Gen^{ts}

Your very Humble Servants By order of the Committee,

AB^{M} YATES Jn^{r} *Chairman.*

To the Committee of the District of Kinderhook.

KINDERHOOK, 18 Dec'r 1775.

GENTLEMEN: We are so much disposed for Peace at this critical Juncture that we cannot but pay particular attention to every Proposal of which the professed design is to promote so desirable a Purpose. We have therefore maturely considered the contents of the letter of the 7th Dec'r with which you have been pleased to favor us, and we doubt not but you will exercise the same candor with Respect to our Reasons which we shall always think our Duty in considering every procedure of this Committee.

When we were to carry into execution the Resolutions of the Provincial Congress for the Election of Deputies to represent us in Provincial Congress and Members of Committee, we considered that they were the only Rule by which we were to conduct our Proceedings and that the propriety of them was no object of our Enquiry. We therefore issued a notification which was Published on the second Day of November which we now submit to the Inspection of the General Committee. On that Day two of us opened and attended the Poll at which many respectable Inhabitants gave their Votes agreeable to the List we have delivered in others to the number of seven tendered their votes which we rejected as not having the necessary qualifications mentioned by the Congress. In the course of the Election a letter was shown to us who superintended the Poll, from Mr Robert Yates directed not to us as a Committee but to one of the Inhabitants of the District mentioning the subsequent explanatory Resolution of the Congress. About four o'clock in the afternoon having taken all the Votes which were offered and having repeatedly signified our readiness to keep the Poll open untill another Day if requested, which however was not done, we closed the Election and have made our Returns. You are pleased to say that you conclude that we had not seen the latter Resolve of the Provincial Congress by which Persons who "had a Possession to the value of £80 were entitled to Vote." Upon examining that Resolve we find it declares that "Tenants possessed of Lands or Tenements of the Value" &c which we suppose is what you allude to. But we conceive it by no means follows that this will entitle every Possessor to Vote, the Term Tenant in our conception being relative to Landlord and the one necessarily implies the existence of the other. To make this material however in the case it ought to be shown that any Persons with this Qualification that is to say a Tenant having Lands &c to the Value of £80 had offered themselves and been refused, but this did not happen. But even admitting (what we positively deny) that all those were wrongfully rejected whose Votes we refused, yet as they were as we have before observed only Seven in number, the Committee will find that the Majority was so great for the Returned Deputies and Members that it is impossible they could prevent the Return we have made from taking Place, which we

think is a conclusive argument against those who would carp at our Proceedings. The Rejection of even legal votes in our apprehension cannot vitiate a Return unless the Majority depends upon the admission or exclusion of them which in this Instance is manifestly not the Case. But for your further satisfaction we observe that it has been shewn to us that even of the Votes whom we rejected no less than would have voted for the members we returned, which is a proof of our Impartiality that we hope Impudence itself cannot gainsay.

We are clearly of the opinion that as we have already executed the Powers given us by the Congress and the Committee, we would not be justified in acquiescing in the Proposal of the Committee to agree with those who have taken on themselves to hold a Poll in direct violation of the Resolutions of the Congress, and the General Commtttee of the County upon a matter which wo[d] also implicate our own Proceedings. By this Means we should not only countenance, but become accessaries to the Irregularities of others. We should arbitrarily take upon ourselves to counteract the Sentiments of the District — of those who conformed to the Directions of the Congress, in order to humor those who wantonly opposed them; and how far this will promote union or "defeat the Intentions of those who are fond of promoting Discord" we need not mention. Finally, how can we arrogate to ourselves the Rejection of any of the Members regularly chosen, or obtrude upon them Collegues, whose only Claim to a Right of Representing the District, is that they have dared to Violate the Rules and Directions of that very body of which they are so desirous of being Members.

If the General Committee had been apprised of the above Facts and adverted to the Reasonings upon them, we think they would not have passed that censure upon the District which is implied in the Beginning of this Letter. The Idea of a disunited Place is a harsh one to the Inhabitants of it, and for our Part we know of no "misunderstanding in the District" unless the Clamours of a few discontented Persons can be called so who it seems have a higher opinion of their own merit than their neighbours have. We dare appeal to the public Records of the District for proof that the affairs of it have been conducted with a unanimity equal to that of any other, and we might remind this Committee of the Weight which is due to the applications of the Persons who now again appear before them from what has happened heretofore. If there be any District or Place in the County in such entire union as to have not even a few dissenting Voices among them, we have not yet heard of that Place and we wish for a Trial of their Patience that the malcontents in our Township might take their Residence among them. We believe however there is no such Place and if more frequent and louder Clamours have come from the few among us, it is because they are more refractory and have more Perseverence (but we hope are not more countenanced) than any other. For our Part, fond as we are of union, we wish not to be united with any set of Individuals at the Expense of our Duty, or with such who refuse to conform to any Regulation which they do not themselves approve of. When the Committee consider this they will not be surprised that "a new Cause of Discontent" has arisen among these People.

Upon the whole we have conscientiously conformed to the Resolutions of the Congress according to our understanding of it, and we claim no discretionary Power to control or dispense with the Directions of that Body. We remain, Gentlemen, Your most Humble Servants,

PETER VOSBURGH,
PETER S. VAN ALSTINE,
MATHEW GOES, Jun[r]
H. V. SCHAACK.

(C.)

Whereas the General Committee of the City and County of Albany by their Resolves entered into on the fifth instant *have Invalidated the late Return of the Election for Committee in the District of Kinderhook*, and *ordered* that a *new* Election be held in said District on Monday the 15th day January instant at the

House of *Tobias Van Buren* in said District, and that *Messrs. Peter Van Ness, Richard Esselstyne, John H. Beckman, Jacob C. Schermerhorne* and *Mathew Adgate*, all belonging to other districts or any three of them, be a Committee to hold the Election, and that the *Chairman* of the County Committee *give previous* notice by advertisment to the Inhabitants of said District, of the Time and *Place* of such Election, and that four Persons be Chosen to represent said District in General Committee.

In Pursuance of the said Resolution it is hereby declared that the said Election will be held on the day and at the Place aforesaid, at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon, and the *Inhabitants of* said District are *hereby* notified of said Resolves *and* earnestly requested to attend on the Day and *Place* aforesaid for the purpose aforesaid,

ALBANY, 6 January, 1776. AB^M YATES, Junr *Chairman.*

Those who held the Poll suffer Boys of 16 years old to vote.

(D.)

After those clear and convincing light which we have thrown on the Business of the Kinderkook Election have been disregarded, we can promise little Benefit to ourselves from a further appeal either to Reason or Justice. We have shown that the late Committee for our District conformed to the Rules of the Congress, and of this Board, that a regular Poll was held at which they were appointed to preside, and of which they were like other Returning officers the *only judges*, in the first instance we have proved that y^e^ rejections of even legal votes does not absolutely viciate an Election, and we have declared our readiness to conform to the practise of all Public Bodies in the case of scrutinies when it is the Invariable usage to strike off from the Poll such as have been admitted without the legal Qualification, and to add such as being duly Qualified have been rejected (provided they tender their votes at the *Election*), and to confirm this doctrine we have alluded to the proceedings of the Common Council of this City in the Scrutiny between Yates and them within a few years. We have remonstrated against the pernicious Tendency of this Board countenancing Individuals who have acted in open and wanton Violation of all Precedents, and even of the orders of this Board. We are therefore constrained by the exigency of our case Solemnly to protest against this Proceeding of the Committee and to declare that from henceforth the District of Kinderhook is no longer represented at this Board: and in this measure we stand justified to our constituents as well as our consciences, charging all the Mischief upon that decision by which the right of Election is taken away from the District, and vested in this Committee, and by which the Majority of Electors is sacrificed to the Minority. Such a conduct too we conceive has a manifest tendency to destroy that Union which some people pretend such zeal to mentain and by lessining the authority of Congress and Committees, and encouraging a Breach of their Rules and orders is subversive of that system of Power which the United Colonies have thought proper to establish in carrying on their Defence.

The above was delivered in the Albany County Committee the 5 January, 1776, by the District Committee of Kinderhook, and Signed by

ANDRIS WITBECK,
CORN^S^ V. SCHAACK, Junr
BARENT VAN DERPOEL,
DIRCK GARDINIER,
Committeé.

(E.)

Advertisement.

Whereas the Persons *Returned* by the *Kinderhook District* to *represent* said District in *General Committee have by their Conduct Vacated their Seats as Members* of said Board and from a *just necessity of the District being represented* the Committee have ordered that at least five days notice be given to the Inhabitants of said District to meet at the *usual place* of Election in the town of Kinderhook and thereby

a Majority of Voices to Elect four Persons *whose principles are known to be friendly* to the present opposition of Great Brittain.

Whereas it is *resolved by this board* that the following persons* *Henry Van Veghtin, Harmanus Wendell, Petrus Wynkoop, Lawrens Hogeboom* and *John Beebe* or the Major part of them *Superintend* the said Election and take *Strict Care* that no *person* be *permitted* to *Vote at said Poll but such as have previous to this Resolve Signed the General Association.* That the said Election be held at the place above mentioned on Monday 20 day of June Instant.

A true Copy from the Minutes,
MAL VISSCHER, *Sec^y*

Albany Committee Chamber, 18th June, 1776.

Recommendation of Jacob Schryver.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 385.]

Dutchess County, Charlotte Precinct, January 27th 1777.

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

Whereas this day my Company was duly Warned according to your resolves to put an Ensign in my Company with the advice of the Committee and have also Appointed the Bearer hereof, Jacob Schryver with the majority of Voices, upon which we the Subscribers do Desire your Honours to Grant him the said Commission.

ISAAC CONKLIN, *Cap.*
JACOB CARL.

Passed & Commission ordered, March 21st 1777.

Furlough of Philip Harte.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 383.]

In Committee of Safety of New York, Fishkill, 28th Jan^y 1777.

This is to certify that Philip Harte of Charlotte Precinct in Dutchess County Fuller hath the Permission of this Committee to go to Hartford in the State of Connecticut and there with Leave of the proper Authority to engage from among the Prisoners of War in the said State three Persons who may be capable of assisting him in the said Trade of a Fuller. The same being much wanted within this State. And in the mean Time the said Philip Harte is hereby exempted from serving in the Militia of this State for three months from this day. As also such a number of hands as he shall actually employ in the fulling business, not Exceeding two besides himself.

James Smith's Passport.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 385.]

Permit the Bearer Ja^s Smith to pass and repass about his lawful Business, he deporting himself according to Law.

By order of Committee,
JN^o GEE, *Chairman.*

Fishkills, 27th Jan^y 1777.

To all whom it may Concern.

*All these persons belong to other Districts.

Petition of Persons employed in obstructing the Hudson River.

[Petitions, 33: 654, 656.]

To the Honb^{le} the Convention of the State of New York.

The Humble Address of us the Under Subscribers,

Most Humbly Sheweth the Distresses We at present Lye under Concerning our Provision. This laborious undertaking of obstructing the Navigation of Hudsons River & Men so fully Devouted to Try their utmost to Carry s^{d} works into Execution Cannot with Soldiers allowance Live at those Unprovided Barracks, Therefore hope the above Honourable Body will Take into Consideration the many Difficulties we Lye under as we the subscribers must to avoide Censure in behalf of the men under us make this Grivance known to our Superiors it was always customary amongue artificers to Draw a Ration and a half per day & it is Very Plain we Cannot subsist Long without that Provision is still Continued as the Men under us is Very Uneasy & say they Expend their Wages to Mentain themselves, so we'l say no more But subscribe ourselves True Sons of Liberty Jan^{y} the 29th 1777.

Abner Baldwin,	Joseph Fuller,	John Cambel,
Richard Lewis,	William Young,	John Newbery,
Samuel Carter,	Oliver Dewey,	John Watkins,
John Jenkins,	Comfort Johnson,	Joshua Collans.

We do hereby nominate Constitute & appoint Cap^{t} John Watkins & Cap^{t} John Newbery to hand this our Grivances to the above Honourable Body.

Poughkeepsie, Jan^{y} 29, 1777.

The Humble Petition of Ship Wrights now Employ'd on the Publick work att Poughkeepsie.

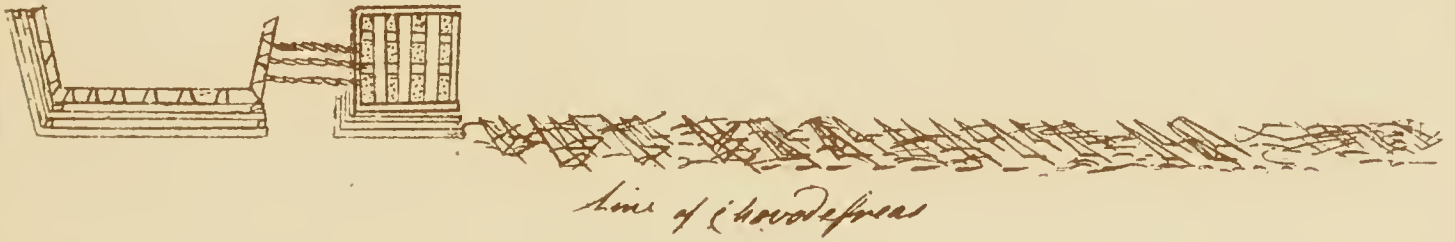
Worthy Gentleman: It is with the greatest Reluctance Imaginable we your humble Petitioners are under the disagreeable Necessity of thus addressing you By this their Humble Petition Respecting our Wages nor should we att this time presume to Intrude on your Goodness did not Every Idea of want & Misery most Impertinately stare us in the face, occasion'd By the Curtailing of our wages and the great Rise of every Necessary of Life which we Need not mention, for we make no Doubt but that the Honb^{le} Convention are fully acquainted with the Prices of all nor will they Bear mentioning In Competition with our wages which is no more than 8s. P^{r} Day & 10s. 6d. P^{r} Day for the Foreman much Less than has been known for a Serious of years Before the Last. We also take Liberty to say that not a Mechanick that Derives Protection from the Honb^{le} Continental Congress but has greater wages now than they Had Before this unhappy Civil war Began Except Ship Wrights & Joyners and it's Evident to a Demonstration that they in a particular manner are the Great Bulwark of the Navy, which no war Can be vigorously Prosecuted without, altho the Projectors thereof are held in Little Esteem, But we your humble petitioners fearing to tire your Patience make no Demand But beg your Consideration But a few Moments on the Nature of this our Petition. We make no Doubt but from the readiness of your Honours to Recieve Petitions the Natural Inclination to Releve the opprest your Right to justify the Injured and your Power to Encourage the Sons of Liberty that you will augment such a Due Proportion to our Present small Wages as will make the Hearts of your Humble Petitioners Leap for Joy that has been so Long swoln against the unknown Curtailor of our Wages. Then worthy Sirs you will have all the prayers that can Flow from the gladned Hearts of Sirs Your Devoted most obedient Faithfull Servants to Command, Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Body of Mechanicks.

GEORGE PEEK, *C^{tk}*

To the Honb^{l} Convention of the State of New York.

Jan^{y} 30, 1777.

Lowest wages for which the Foreman of the Ship Carpenters & the Journeymen agree to take to continue in the service of this State viz., Robert Hatton, Foreman, 14s. p^{r} Day & a half Pint Rum; George Peck, in Behalf of himself & the Rest of the Journeymen, 11s. p^{r} Day & half pint Rum.



CHEVAUX DE FRISE, BATTERY AND CHAINS,

to obstruct the Hudson River between Breakneck and Butter Hill.

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Bill of Sale of a Negro.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 379.]

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Harris of Beekman's precinct in Dutchess County & Provence of New York for and in the Consideration of the Sum of one Hundred pounds of Current Lawful money of the provence of new-York to me pay'd by John Losee of dutchess County and Provence aforesaid the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge & my self therewith fully Satisfied and paid thereof and Every part thereof and Do hereby Acquit & Discharge John Losee heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, have given, granted, Bargained, Sold and by these presents do freely and Clearly and Absolutely give, grant, Bargain, Sell, Release, Convey & Confirm unto him the above said John Losee one Certain Negro Man named Isaac aged about Eighteen years to him to have and to hold the said Negro Man unto said John Losee his heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns for ever and I the Said Joseph Harris for my Self my heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns Do Covenant per my and grant to & with the Concent and Liking of him the Said John Losee his Executors, Administrators & Assigns to warrant Defend the Sail of the Above named negro man Isaac against all Lawful Claims, Charges or Demand of all or any person whatsoever in witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal this thirtyeth Day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven.

JOSEPH his mark HARRIS.

Sealed & Delivered in presents of us
GEORGE MORY,
PHILIP DORLAND.

The within is a true Copy compared by JOHN J. MYERS.
JOHN M^cKESSON, Secr^y.

Bill of James Duane and Robert Yates.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 675.]

The State of New York

To James Duane and Robert Yates a committee appointed by the committee of safety to look for some convenient place to move the convention to D^r

1777 January

Expences in travelling to Eusopus,.....	£1	14	0
Expences during their stay at Eusopus,.....	2	2	1
Expences in returning,.....	1	7	0
M^r Duane' Horse heire paid to James Weeks 6 days at 3s per Day,.....		18	0
M^r R. Yates for Horse hire 5 Days a 3s per Day,.....		15	0
	£6	16	1

Report of the Committee on letter from James Hunter.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 547.]

Jan^y 1777.

Your Committee appointed to take up the letter from James Hunter of Shawangent beg leave to report, that it appears to Your Committee that a number of Persons Resort To Lady Johnson, in order as is Imagined To assist her in Carrying on a correspondence To Johnstown and other places, Which from her Connections may be Supposed to be injurious to our Cause, Resolved that the following letter may be sent to the committee of Shawangunk.

SIR: This Convention is informed that a number of Strangers frequently Visit lady Johnson and that They are from the mohawk river—from which we are led To believe a Correspondence is Kept up by lady Johnson which may be detrimental to our Cause, we would therefore Recommend it to you to cause all persons to be

Strictly examined who shall appear To be Suspicious, and particularly To Search and apprehend all Persons who shall come from Tryon County to lady Johnsons and if they Cannot give a Satisfactory account of themselves forthwith Send them to This Convention.

Affidavit of Joghim Muller.

[Petitions, 33: 626.]

County of Albany, ss.: Personally came before me Richard Esselstyne one of the Justices of the peace in and for said county and State of New York, Joghim Muller and being duly sworn and says that some Time in the Latter End of September Last this Deponant was at what was called Kings Bridge on the North End of the Island of New York in company with Peter Hogeboom one of the owners of a Sloop that then Lay on the South Side of the Second Bridge, and farther says that the said Sloop as this deponant was informed belonged to Stephen Hogeboom, Esq., Peter Hogeboom and Thomas Storm, this deponant farther says that the said Sloop Lay on the South Side of the Second Bridge, and that thair was then in said Sloop a Quantity of Contenantle Stores such as Hogsed and molasses and other, and that said Sloop was then garded by Contenantle Troops, and this deponent farther says that he went with Peter Hogeboom to Commesary Bates for Leaf to take a waggon belonging to Stephen Hogeboom and a Chist belonged to Peter Hogeboom, and other articels from off Board said Sloop which Leaf was granted by said Commesarey Bates and farther says Not, JOGHIM MULLER.

Sworn Before me this 31st Day of January, 1777,
RICHARD ESSELSTYNE, Justice.

List of Persons in Westchester County who took the Oath of Allegiance.

[Miscel. Pap. 30: 487.]

[1777.] Ebenezer Lockwood 1st Major of the 2d Regiment of Militia in West Chester County do most humbly certify to the honorable the Convention of the State of New-York that in Obedence to their Resolutions of the 27th December last I have administered the Oath of Allegiance to the following Pesons being Inhabitants of the said County, vizt:

Joshua Ambler,
John Boutton,
John Fansher,
Noah Boutton,
William Fansher,
Samuel Lewis, Junr
Thomas June,
Nathaniel Boutton,
Isaac Springer,
Gilbert Weed,
Jacob Travis,
James Armstrong,
David Fansher,
Timothy Johnson,
Jesse Seymour,
Elijah Fansher,
Thaddeus Hayt,
Ammon Marshall,
David Lockwood,
John Fansher, 3d,
David Scofield,
John Fansher, Jun.,
The revd Ichabod Lewis,
The revd Samuel Mills,
Lewis Mc Donald,
Zebediah Mills,
Joseph Clark,
Joseph Holmes,
James Raymond,
Daniel Miller,
John Bishop,
Jonathan Weeks,
Josiah Mills,
Joseph Mills,
Joseph Seely,
Brockwa Brown,
Gilbert Reynolds,
Ebenezer Boutton,
Ebenezer Avery,
Benjamin Green,
Holmes Austin,
Enoch Avery,
Gideon Hait,
Samuel Boutton,
Thaddens Seymour.
Jehiel Boutton,
Epenetus Bishop,
William Reynolds,
Joseph Holmes, Jr.
Ebenezer Miller, 3d,
John Saunders,

John Pelham, Jun^{r}
Samuel Newman,
David Fansher,
Hezekiah Lockwood,
William Garnsey,
Joseph Garnsey,
Michael Garnsey,
Reuben Aires,
Abraham Slason,
Stephen Boutton,
Stephen Slason,
Odle Close,
Adonijah Brown,
John Cross,
Andrew Green,
John Avery,
John Hait,
Benjamin Hait,
Joseph Marshall,
Peter Harford,
Silvenus Seely,
Enoch Hayt,
Benjamin Wearing,
Nathaniel Weeks,
Obadiah Miller,
Samuel Scofield,
Jonathan Dibble,
Michael Schofield,
Nathaniel Seeley, Jun^{r}
Daniel Boutton,
Smith Scofield,
Gilbert Hayt,
Amos Wearing,
Benajah Boutton,
Robert Murphy,
Daniel Waterbery,
Nathaniel Seely,
Nathan Lockwood.
Parson Hait,
Peter Scofield,
Nathanial Boutton, Jun.,
Jesse Slason,
Samuel Waterbury,
Eli Seely,
Zephaniah Mills,
Nathan Clark, Jun,
John Halfpeny,
Stephen Weeks,
John Bostwick,
Jehiel Boulton,
Hezekiah Grey,
Benjamin Miller,
Lewis Miller,
Daniel Dibble,
Jonathan Weeks, Jun^{r}
Daniel Mills, Jun^{r}
Samuel Bostwick,
Nathan Olmsted,
Jonathan Ingersoll,
Gideon Scofield,
Jacob Miller, Jun^{r}
Daniel Dickson,
Elisha Pelham,
David Hays.

And I do further certify that in pursuance of the said Resolutions of the Convention, I have administered the affirmation of Allegiance to Alsop Hunt and James Hunt (being two of the People called Quakers), Inhabitants of the said County.

EBEN^{R} LOCKWOOD.

Jacob King to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 290.]

Fishkill, Feb^{y} 1st 1777.

Gentlemen: We the Subscribers being present at the time when the Baggage belonging to our Armey was put in the Carrages to be removed from Kings Bridge & by Colonel Swartouts orders a Chest of Armers Tools belonging to Jacob King was put in the Carrage and after Coming about half a mile from the bridge by order of the Agetent Emanuel Gabril the Chest of Armers Tools was put out of the Carrage & Left & therefore hope Gentlemen that you will take it into Consideration, as he has no other way to get a Living.

From Gentlemen your Obedient Humb^{le} Serv^{ts}

As witness my hand,

JEREMIAH JONES.

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York at Fishkills.

P. S. the intention of the a fore going is that your Honourable Board will take in Consideration my Loss in Loosing my Armours Tools In the publick Sarvice, as they was the only mens I had In giting a Livelyhood with. And the only Reson that Interdused me in Carrying my Tools In the Army was for the Utility of the publick Sarvice.

Gentlemen your Consideration will be Thankfully Reev^{d}

If any made by your Humble Petitioner,

JACOB KING.

(Indorsed.) Apply to Col Swartwout for his recommendation of the within facts and then petition the Convention for relief.

Warrant to arrest Hendrick Staats.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 351.]

Ulster County ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Kingston.

For as much as Complaint hath been made before me Johannis Sleght one of the Justices of the State of New York that one Hendrik Staats of Sagertjes in Ulster County and State of New York has disposed of and sold a parcel of steel and Iron which is supposed to belong to the State of New York, and by the said Hendrik Staats feloniously taken, stolen and Carried away, These are therefore in the Name of the said State of New York to command you forthwith to apprehend the said Hendrik Staats and to bring him before me to answer to the said Complaint and to be further dealt with according to his Deserts Herein fail not Given under my Hand and Seal at Kingston the fourth day of february 1777.

JOHANNIS SLEGHT.

Petition of Stephen Hogeboom.

[Petitions, 33: 622.]

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

The Memorial of Stephen Hogeboom of Claverack in the County of Albany in behalf of himself and Peter Hogeboom and Thomas Storm of the same place owners of the Sloop Middlesex, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Memorialist and the other owners of the said Sloop sent her down to the City of New York in July last laden with flour for the use of the Continental Army. That before her Loading was Discharged the navigation up Hudsons River was obstructed by two ships of War of the King of Great Britain sailing up as far as Terrytown. That thereupon Peter Hogeboom one of the said owners after having discharged his Cargo carryed the said Sloop up the Sound to Horseneck for safety. That in August following your Memorialist hearing that the Ships of War were sailed out of Hudson River brought his Sloop back to New York with a design to proceed with her to Claverack, but was prevented from proceeding by Coll Wardsworth and Commissary Hughes who ordered your Memorialist over with the Sloop to Long Island Ferry, where she was used to carry off the Troops and Stores, after the unfortunate retreat on the 28th of the said month. That your Memorialist seeing no prospect of bringing the said Sloop to a place of safety while she continued in the Continental Service thereupon quitted her. That the said Sloop was afterwards carryed up with stores of the Army thro' the Sound to Kings Bridge where she was used as a Store Vessel by the Continental Army until the Retreat from the Island when she fell into the hands of the Enemy. That your Memorialists have lost the said Sloop by her being taken into the Continental Service, your Memorialist therefore prays that the House will take the premises into consdn and grant unto your Memorialist such relief in the premises as shall appear reasonable.

And your Memorialist &c

Fishkill Feb 2d 1777. STEPHEN HOGEBOOM.

Petition of Thomas Stephan.

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Fishkills, February 5th 1776.

Gentlemen: Being at present in Distressed Circumstances I must beg Leave to inform you that having arriv'd from Germany in these parts about three years ago, since which understanding the Disputes subsisting between Great Britain and these American Colonies, I Voluntarily Enter'd in the Service of the Latter and have serv'd faithfully till I was taken sick and sent to the Hospital and being badly taken care of I was permitted to go to a house in the country where I was oblig'd to spend

all I had for necessaries and suffer'd greatly having been Rob'd of all my cloathing in the Hospital. I am now Desirous of Returning home to Lancaster in Pensilvania and if it shall please God to Restore me to health again I propose to Inlist again in the service of the United States of America, therefore I make Bold to request of the Honourable Convention that they wou'd please to assist me with some money & cloaths to carry me to my place of residence and I shall ever look upon it to be my Duty to pray to God for your Respectable Body.

I am with Respect Gentlemen Your Need^{y} Serv^{t}

THOMAS STEPHAN.

Petition of Jacob Vandarvoort.

[Petitions, 33 : 648.]

FISHKILL, January 5th 1777.

To the Honorable Congress.

GENTLEMEN: The boldness I take at present in addressing you I hope your Honours will forgive when you concider my case. I belong'd last year to Colonel beetels Regiment and was taken by the indians up at the norward at the seder swamp where I was wounded Gentlemen in my Leg and stript of watch, close and every thing else. I then had the good fortune to escape from them and remain'd in the woods for nine days till some charitable persons supply'd me with food and raiment to cover me with for which I had suffered great hardships. I cannot but think it very hard Gentlemen that I never for three months recieved any pay nor a copper of money to make up any of my Losses which was very considerable. I had almost forgot to mention my Capt^{n} name which was Ossgood. I then traveled to New York where I listed in General M^{c}Dougal's Reg and do now belong to Colonel Willets and Capt. Tiebout Company and do the duty of Serjent. I have always behaved as a good soldier which I leave to all that knows me. I will not trouble you any further Gentlemen only I beg it as a favour that you will concider what I have sufferd and I do not then doubt but what I shall be recompened for what I have lost and undergone. I now beg leave to remain with the greatest respect, Gentlemen,

Your very humble Servant,

JACOB VANDARVORT.

Petition of Isaac Van Wyck.

[Petitions, 33 : 650.]

To the Honb^{le} Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of Isaac Van Wyck of Fishkill, Sheweth,

That your Petitioner daily sustains considerable dammage from the Soldiers cutting wood in my swamp, had they taken Fire wood equally from the several neighbours your Petitioner would not have complained. There is on the adjoining mountain to the Barracks Timber sufficient to burn without dammaging the Inhabitants of the Town, your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your honb^{le} house wou'd take this affair into consideration and grant such relief in the Premises as may be necessary. And your Petitioner shall pray, &^{c} &^{c}

ISAAC VAN WYCK.

P. S. For the want of wood the soldiers have burnt great part of my Rails by which your Petitioner have suffered very great loss.

FISHKILL, 6th Feb 1777.

Resolution relative to Garret Frair.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 590.]

Resolved that the Goaler Deliver Garrit Frair to the Care of such Persons as the Minister Elders and Deacons of the Church of Kingston shall Direct they Engaging to Return the said Garrit Frair to Goal the Evening of the Same Day they take him out & that the S^{d} Goaler do again receive the S^{d} Prisoner & keep him agreable to his mittimus.

General Heath to the Council of Safety.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 487.]

KINGSTREET, Febry 6th 1777.

GENT: Upon our first arrival in the Neighbourhood of Kings bridge The Inclosed memorandum was found in a House in which one of Rogers Cap^{ts} were quartered. I sent Down a Messenger and found the Trunks agreable to the memorandum I sent them to the Care of the Quarter Master General at Peeks-Kill. The Bearer of this M^{rs}Lockhart now applies for them and has a Letter from M^{rs} Lockert of the City she says the Trunks were conveyed to her to prevent their falling into the Hands of the Enemy but by the Letter if they were like to be in Danger they were to be secreted which I think must mean from our Army as the Memorandum Desires Cap^{t} Brandon to take them. It is a Pity that the Poor woman should be deprived of her clothes But it seems there is other Property besides Clothing by the Letter. You will Act Touching the Premises as you may think Proper.

I am Gents Your Hbb^{le} Serv^{t}

W. HEATH.

Committee of Convention of the State of New York.

[See Mrs. Lockart's Letter, *supra* p. 588.]

Correspondence between the Committee of Convention and Gen. Heath, etc.

(No. 1.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 282.]

[See *Jour. Prov. Cong. I.* 803 for Mr. Duer's Letter to the Convention transmitting following documents.]

CROMWELL'S 6 Feb^{y} 1777.

SIR: I have agreeable to your request communicated to the Committee of Convention now in this County the two points which you have thought proper to Submit to their Consideration; the first respecting the Number of Troops which in their opinion would be Necessary to cover the foraging Waggons; the Second, the propriety of destroying the Hay and Grain in such parts of the County of Westchester which are more Immediately exposed to the Depredations of the Enemy.

With respect to the first point the Committee are of opinion that a body of at least Twelve Hundred Men whose Term of Inlistment is of five Weeks duration will be Necessary in order to Execute the Business of foraging with Safety and Ease to the Men as from the best Intelligence we can obtain the strength of the Enemy at the Bridge and to the Northward of it Including the Garrison of fort Independence cannot fall short of Eight Hundred Men.

With respect to the Second point the Committee are of opinion that it will be Essential to the public Service to destroy all the forage and Grain to the Southward of the post Road from New Rochelle to Eastchester from thence South westerly of the Road from Eastchester to Benjamin Hunt; from thence Southwesterly of the Road from said Benjamin Hunt to Coll. Phillips excepting so much as the foraging Teams may be able to Carry off on the day on which this business is to be Carried into Execution.

This advice the Committee are Induced to give for the following Reasons: first because they are of opinion that there is more forage in the Country which lies to

the Northward of the bounds last mentioned than Teams can be procured to carry off for the space of six weeks; Secondly that as the forage is of a very inferior quality and in situation much exposed not only to the Enemy's Troops but shipping it would neither be Consistent with good Economy or the safety of the foraging parties to attempt removing it even if a sufficient number of Teams could be procured.

It will be necessary that the parties to be Imployed in Destroying the forage in the Lower parts of the County should have pilot and that they should by no means Destroy any Buildings whatsoever excepting such as contain quantities of forage & Grain in the Straw which cannot be removed — the Committee will cheerfully give their assistance in furnishing proper pilots and in co-operating with you in every other measure which you may deem advancing of the General Welfare — from Intelligence rec^{d} by the Committee the Character of one Moses Quimby who proposed to you this day an Extraordinary Scheme of Commerce between us and the Enemy, the Committee are of opinion that he is a person of a very suspicious Character and that he ought immediately to be Seized we have therefore to request the favour of you that you will Immediately Detach a small party to Apprehend him. In Case he is not at your Quarters he will probably be found at the house of Uriah Field to whom he is nearly Related. I am—Sir—By order—Your H^{mble} Servt,

Hon^{ble} Major Gen. HEATH. W^{M} DUER.

(No. 2.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 280.]

KINGS STREET, Feb^{y} 7th 1777.

SIR: I have just received yours of this days date and could still wish that the Forage may be set on fire by persons appointed by you for that purpose, a small number will be sufficient. I have ordered 200 Men to Phillips's, 500 to Wards and 300 to Pells near East Chester as this covering party is large and the Troops after tomorrow will be filing off.

I beg your utmost Exertions, to Collect as many Teams as possible — Query — whether the Limits, you have mentioned within which the forage is to be burnt is not rather large — you are however the Best Judges.

I have Ordered General Lincoln's four Regiments over the River about 1000 Men to Peeks Kill, and the Connecticut and New York Militia to remain in this Quarter to Cover the forage &^{c} you know the Number of your own Troops; the Connecticut Militia Consists of upwards of 1000 — out of which a Guard must be posted at Saw-pitts and a post Established at or near Rye, others of them must be thrown this way. I should be Glad of your opinion where they can be best Quartered to answer the end proposed as I must this Evening make Disposition of them.

I am Sir your Hb^{le} Servt.

W^{m} DUER. W. HEATH.

(No. 3.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 278.]

KINGSTREET, Feb^{y} 9th 1777.

GENT^{n} In Consequence of Orders from his Excellency General Washington, I am making a New Disposition of the Troops on this Side of the North River.

The Militia of this State now in Westchester County and the New Levies from the State of Connecticut, are to remain in this Quarter for the purpose of Harrassing the Enemy, and Securing the forage. I have wrote Gen^{l} Wooster to post them in such manner as will best answer these purposes, and have recommended to him to advise with you in the Disposition of them—I shall leave about 1000 men at Peek's Kill—the remainder are to pass the North River Immediately and Join Gen^{l} Washington—the New-York and Connecticut Militia will make 12 or 1300 men at the least Including Officers with these I hope you will be able to Secure the forage &^{c}

I think the present Magazine is by no means far enough from the Enemy, as Magazines ever Engage their attention and the more as they grow Considerable. I would therefore advise that as soon as possible the forage should be moved back to some Interior part of the Country beyond all Danger of the Enemy.

I shall in an Hour or two Sett out for Peek's Kill.

I am Gent^{n} Your most H^{ble} Serv^{t}

W. HEATH.

Committee of Convention of the State of New-York

(No. 4.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 274.]

In Committee appointed by the Convention of the State of New-York—Cromwells, 10th Feb^{r} 1777.

Present: Mr. Tompkins, Mr. Duer,
Mr. Landon, Mr. Sackett.

Sir: I have laid before the Committee your two letters, of Feb^{y} the 7th and 9th in which you Inform them that you have left the Connecticut Militia under the Command of Gen. Wooster, together with the N: York Troops to harrass the Enemy and to Cover the teams Imployed in foraging in this County, that this force would Consist of about 1200 or 1300 men Including officers, and that out of this Number a post is to be Maintained at the Saw-pitts and another at Rye.

When you thought proper to advise with this Committee Concerning the number of Troops which they Conceived Necessary for the purpose of protecting the foragers, in this part of the Country they give it as their Opinion, that a body of at least 1200 Men would be requisite for that purpose. In forming this opinion, they had not in Contemplation to Include Officers, neither did they Conceive that any post whatsoever were to be maintained out of that Number. They meant to Confine themselves, solely to the Number, which they Conceived Necessary for doing forage Duty, in Such a manner as Should be most Safe, and least harrassing to the men Imployed in that Service. They did not mean to Include even the Guards Necessary for protecting the magazines of forage, w^{ch} Considering the Neighbourhood it is in, and the great Object it must be to the Enemy—Should in their Opinion Consist of at least 1100 men under the Command of a Watchfull and Spirited Officer. In your letter of the 9th Instant, you are pleased to inform this Committee that you propose leaving about a Thousand Men at the post at Peeks Kill. With great deference to your judgment in this Matter—the Committee are of opinion that a Considerable part of this force, if removed Lower down would answer purposes much more beneficial to the public Cause, than they Could do by remaining at Peeks Kill—It appears to us that the following points ought to be the grand object of our attention in this Quarter. The first is the Securing all the forage we possibly can between this and the opening of the Spring Campaign, in Order to form magazines for the use of the Continental Army: The 2nd the Destruction of all the forage and Grain in the lower parts of this County, which from being Contiguous to the Enemy's posts and in many places Exposed to the fire of their Shiping Cannot be Removed without very Great risque, fatigue, and expense:—the 3^{d} the Cutting off the Communication with the Enemy, in Such a manner as to prevent their being Supplied with provisions or Joined by the Disaffected, whom they have Inlisted in this State, and that of Connecticut, the 4th the Disposal of the Troops in such a Manner as is best calculated to give protection to our friends in the County of West Chester, and to make a Saving in the long Carting and Consumption of forage, which attend their staying at Peeks Kill.

The first object cannot in our opinion be Effected with the Number of Troops you have Destined for this Service, (Deducting those which are to Maintain the posts at the Sawpitts and Rye) even should Gen. Wooster agree with the Committee in the Disposition of the Troops much less do we Conceive them Adequate for Destroying the forage within the limits we have proposed or for Cutting off all Intercourse betwixt the Enemy and our domestic foes and giving protection to our

Suffring friends in the Manor of Phillipsborough, and the Country adjacent to it— By the removal of Gen[l] Lyncoln's Division, a great chasm is Left open thro' which the Enemy will undoubtedly receive Supplies both of recruts and provision, and many Strenuous Advocates for the Cause of their Country will be exposed to the redoubled resentment of the Enemy's Rangers.

We humbly Conceive that if four Hundred Men were Stationed at Peeks Kill in order to Guard the Stores, the remainder might be at Dobbs Ferry, and in the Mile Square Road in such a Manner as would answer in a great degree all the Objects we have mentioned but were no other purpose to be answered by this Disposition than that of making a Prodegious Saving in forage and of Consuming provision, which may be purchased in this Quarter, and which may otherwise fall into the hands of the enemy, these we Conceive would be a Sufficient Justification of this Step.

We by no means Conceive that the Post at Peeks Kill will be in the least Endangerd by this manœuvre—Should the Enemy make an attempt to advance to that Quarter, either by Land or by Water, they will undoubtedly be soon observed, and the Troops at Dobbs Ferry would be Able to retreat to maintain that post; at all Events timely Succour can be Thrown in, from the Troops now Stationed at the Fish Kills.

We flatter ourselves that the Freedom with which we give our opinion will not be displeasing to you as it is dictated by a Regard to the General Cause—and as you have frequently been pleased to Consult us on Matters relative to the Military Operations in this County. From these Considerations, and from the Reason which this Committee have to think that it is the wish of his Excell[cy] Gen[l] Washington, that as much of the lower parts of this County as possible be Covered by the Troops which are left to this State, We have been Induced to Communicate our Sentiments, not Doubting but you will use such measures in Consequence as shall appear to you on a Mature Consideration best adapted to promote the public good. I am Sir, By Order, Your Hbb[le] Serv[t]

WM DUER.

Hon[ble] Major Gen[l] Heath.

(No. 5.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38 : 272.]

Peeks Kill, 11th Feb[y] 1777.

Gent[n]: I have just received your favour of yesterday's Date — I conceived the Connecticut and New-York Troops to be fully equal to the Number which you proposed to me, and for the purpose for which they were intended. A small guard will be sufficient at the Saw-pitts, — those posted at Rye must be Considered as making part of the Chain, and if they are too far back must be advanced.

I wrote to Gen[l] Wooster before I left Kings street that his Troops must be Quartered in such Manner as best to answer the purpose of covering the foragers, &c., and that I would have him Advise with you on the Disposition of them, — and that in Consequence of General Lyncolns Division moving off, His must move to the Right — I would have you therefore conferr with him as soon as possible, that the Troops may be so posted as will best answer the before mentioned purpose, and Serve to harrass the Enemy — I have again wrote him on the Subject — the 1000 Men which I have ordered to remain here Gen[l] M[c] Dougall thinks are full little enough for the several passes and Forts, — I have however desired him to afford you all the aid in his power by Sending a Guard to the Magazine, or otherwise, as her Number will admitt.

The forage is undoubtedly an object of great Importance and should be attended to as such.

But I think it should be removed as soon as possible much further back than Wrights Mills — His Excellency Gen[l] Washington in a letter to me of the 2[d] Instant is pleased to express himself in the following manner: "I would by all means have the forage, and provisions removed to some Interior parts of the Country — entirely out of the Enemy's reach — for altho' the removing will be attended with greater

Expence, than the same Quantity could be laid in for, nearer the grand Magazine, yet the loss of it to the Enemy will vastly more than counterbalance that consideration."

And in another Letter of the 9th Instant, which I have just received, "Proper places are pointed out already to Mr Hughs at Peeks Kill for the Public Magazines, to them all Stores of every kind must be removed, the forage and provisions taken by any of your parties in the Vicinity of the Enemy should be sent to them." As your Magazine becomes Considerable, they will more and more attract the attention of the Enemy, who will run many Hazards to destroy them, they should therefore be at a Distance and well guarded. I am Gentn Your most Hble Servt

W. HEATH.

Committee of Convention of the State of New York.

(No. 6.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 270.]

Sir: Mr Doughty Informs the Genl that the duty on your party is excessive hard, occasioned by furnishing the Guards at Wards, the Scout and foraging parties, &c.

Genl Wooster proposes to remove all the Troops in this Division into a line from Mamaroneck to Saw-pitts and Rye, and extend them to Kings street. The Genl thinks it best that your Troops Including Major Fish's should take Quarters some where between White Plains and King Street, as near to those of this Division as possible, and that you should remove the Advance Guard from Wards farther up towards White Plains, he supposes you are better acquainted with the ground and the places where Troops may be Quartered than any person here, and if you find this plan Impracticable you will Inform him.

As to Duty the Guards both on that Road and this must be furnished by both Divisions in proportion to their Strength, and when ever the Committee want foraging parties they are to give Notice to the Genl and Suitable Details will go out by his Orders, without which he does not direct you to make out any parties for that purpose. I am Sir Your Obedt Hble Servt

M. LEAVENWORTH.

12th Feby 1777.

The above is a true Copy directed to Col Humphries,

Richd Hartfield, Secrey to the Committee in Westchester County.

(No. 7.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 266.]

Cromwells 14th Feby 1777.

Gentn We send you a Copy of a letter from us to Genl Wooster relating to the disposition of the Troops for the purpose of Covering the foraging party and Cutting off the Communication betwixt us and the Enemy.

We desire to know your opinion Concerning the plan we propose. If you think any more eligible or efficacious can be formed, you will be pleased to Inform us as soon as possible.

We are Sirs Your Obed Hble Servts

Wm DUER,
JONATHAN G. TOMPKINS.
JNo SLOSS HOBART.

Col Humphrey & Major Fish.

Cromwells, 13th Feby 1777.

Sir: We this day sett off from this place, with an Intention of calling on you at your Quarters, in order to Conferr with you Concerning the Disposition of the Troops, for the purpose of protecting the foraging in this County; when we were within two miles of your Quarter we were informed that you were gone to Horseneck in Consequence of which we returned to this place, having staid at the Sawpitts till near 5 o'clock in the afternoon expecting your return in the afternoon that

way. In Consequence of Gen[l] Heath's request to us that we would Communicate to you our opinion Concerning the New Disposition to be made of the Connecticut and New-York Troops as Early as possible; we think proper to Inform you that the greatest part of the forage lies in East Chester, West Chester and a little to the Northward of Milesquare and therefore that it will in our opinion be Necessary to have at least 500 of the Connecticut Troops Stationed betwixt the Towns of New Rochelle and Eastchester in the most compact manner possible, under the Command of a sperited and Vigilant Officer.

The New-York Troops Consisting of about 350 men (Including Capt[n] Delivan's Company of Rangers) to be posted from the House of M[r] Stephen Wards to the House of Benjamin Drake and that the remainder of the Connecticut Troops, exclusive of the Guard which Gen[l] Heath Informs us is to be left at the saw pitts, we recommend to be posted at Turkehoe. As we are informed from Gen[l] Heath that the Number of Connecticut Troops under your Command is betwixt 1200 and 1300, and that a small Guard will be sufficient at the Saw-pitts. We suppose that you will be able to spare betwixt 4 & 500 Men for the post last mentioned—from this Disposition of the Troops the foraging can be Effected with much greater Safety and ease to the Men, than if they should be posted farther back, for as the Chief part of the forage lies very Contiguous to the advanced posts, the covering parties will not only have a very little way to march, in order to protect the Teams, but even a smaller Number of Men will be sufficient than would otherwise be requisite.

If patrolling parties are kept Constantly out from Turkehoe to Wards, and from Wards to Benjamin Drakes, We Conceive that no one post can be attacked without timely notice being given to another. Exclusive of the advantage of foraging with more facility by means of this Disposition of the Troops, it will be attended with another, which appears to us of great moment, and that is, it will in a great measure prevent the Enemy's Army from being Supplied with provisions or joined by the disaffected whom their Emissaries are daily Inlisting.

We will do ourselves the pleasure of Waiting on you to Morrow Evening in Order to Converse with you more fully on this, and on other Matters, which we think Conducive to the General Welfare.

We are Sir your Obed[t] Hble Serv[t]

WM DUER,
JONATHAN G. TOMPKINS,
JN° SLOSS HOBART.

Hon Major General Wooster.

Gentlemen: We having (agreeable to your Request) examined the Plan for the Disposition of the Troops for the Purpose of protecting the foraging in this County —recommended in your Letter to the Honorable Major General Wooster are fully of opinion with you; that the foraging Business in this County may be conducted with much more facility and ease to the Troops, than by any other that is equally compatible with their safety; and that it will prevent the Enemy's Army from receiving many Supplies of Provision which from any other Disposition more remote from them they might receive.

We have the Honor to be Gentlemen your most obedient humble Servants,

CORNELIUS HUMFREY,
NICH[s] FISH.

(No. 8.)

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 262.]

Head Quarters—Rye Neck, Feb. 15, 1777.

Sir: Yours of this date came safe to hand. — I have to inform you that I have ordered the troops to march to morrow morning to take post in New-Rochelle, from thence towards the house of Stephen Ward agreeable to what was proposed last night.

I shall also detach to-morrow a Company under a good officer to Wright's Mills, when the number left on this Station will not much exceed 600 after the Volunteers are discharged next week. Therefore it appears to me of the last importance that the Convention exert themselves speedily to send a supply of troops in order to secure this County and forward the foraging.

I am, Sir, Your Humble Servant,

DAVID WOOSTER.

Pass to Nicholas Conkling and others

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 298, 300.]

The Bearer hereof Nicholas Conkling Is Permitted to go to the Convention of this State in Fish Kill, he wants a Pass from thence to the Manor of Pelham to take care of a Crop of Grain which he raised and left their the last Season.

I believe him to be a worthy honest Friend to his Country and worthy the Notice and advice of the Honr^ble^ Convention Respecting his Property their.

THO^s^ PALMER.

*Chairman of y^e^ Committee at New-Afors^d^*

New Burgh, 5^th^ Feb^y^ 1777.

To the Hon^ble^ y^e^ Convention of the State of New York.

The Bearers Mr. Christopher Fredenham & Leonard Fisher being desirous to Go to Phyladelphia, this is to Desire they may be allowed to pass to the Fishkill To the Convention of the State of New-York, to git a permit to Proceed on their Journey to Phyladelphia.

ANANIAS COOPER, *Committee Man.*

Dated Rhynbeck, Feb^r^ 7^th^ 1777.

Commission of John Haring.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 369.]

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New-York: To John Haring Esquire Greeting.

We reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your patriotism, valour, conduct and fidelity, Do by these presents, constitute and appoint you the said John Haring to be Major of the Brigade of the Counties of Ulster and Orange Militia, embodied for the Defence of American Liberty and for repelling every hostile Invasion thereof. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Major of Brigade by doing and performing all manner of Things thereunto belonging; and we do strictly charge and require all officers and Privates under your command, to be obedient to your Orders as Major of Brgade, and you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from time to time as you shall receive from the Continental Congress or this or any further Convention or executive Power of this State, or from any further Congress or Committee of Safety of the present or future Congress of the United States of America, or from any Committee of this or future Convention or Legislative authority of this State, for that purpose appointed, or from the Commander-in-Chief for the time being of the Army of the United States of America, or any other your Superior Officer according to the Rules and Discipline of War in pursuance of the trust reposed in you: Provided that such Orders and Directions of the said Commander-in-chief or such Superior Officer be grounded on the authority of the present or any future Congress of the United States of America, or this or any future Convention or Legislative Authority of this State.

This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this or a future Convention or Legislative Authority of this State.

Dated at HARLEM this thirteenth day of August, 1776. By Order

AB^M YATES, Jun^r *President, P. T.*

Attest: ROB^T BENSON, Secr^y.

February, y^e 7^th 1777.

I the within named John Haring do Certify that I resign the within Commission, expecting soon to remove out of the County of Orange.

JOHN HARING.

Report of Committee on Dispatches from General Schuyler.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 371.]

Feb^y 7^th 1777.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Dispatches from Gen^l Schuyler beg leave to report:

That from the said Dispatches it appears necessary 1^st to send considerable Reinforcements to Ticonderoga with all possible Dispatch. 2^ly to assist the General in procuring Grain for the Army in the Northern Department and 3^dly to provide Measures for apprehending Joseph Brant.

As to the first your Committee submit the two following Resolutions to wit:

Resolved that Gen^l Schuyler be and he hereby is impowered if he shall judge the same necessary to Draft or cause to be drafted under Officers to be appointed by him upon the Nomination of the several Brigadier Generals of the respective Counties, one fifth part of the militia of the counties of Albany, Tryon, Charlotte, Gloucester and Cumberland to be embodied into such and so many Regiments as he shall think proper and to continue in Service untill the last Day of April next under the Command of the said Gen^l Schuyler or other the Commander in Chief for the Northern Department and that the said Drafts hold themselves in readiness to march — but that they be not ordered to march except in case of the most urgent necessity and that they be dismissed as soon as such necessity shall cease. That such of the said Drafts as are unprovided with arms and accoutrements be armed and accoutred from among the Militia of the said Counties and to be entitled to Continental Pay and Rations and the Captain of the respective Companies out of which such Drafts shall [be] made is hereby authorized & directed to impress such Arms & accoutrements as may be necessary for compleatly arm^g & accoutring such Drafts of the Militia as afores^d and every of the Captains who is to command a Company of the such Drafts is hereby directed to give Receipts for the Arms and accoutrements which may be procured as aforesaid for the use of any of the Men in his respective Company to be accountable for such Arms to the respective owners of the same.

As to the second matter necessary from the said Dispatches your Committee report the following Resolution:

Whereas it hath been suggested to this Committee of Safety that divers Persons with evil Design have engrossed large quantities of Grain to the great Hindrance & Damage of the American Army and to the grievous Oppression of the Poor,

Resolved therefore that in all such Cases the honorable Major Gen^l Philip Schuyler shall be and he hereby is impowered to take such Grain for the Use of the said Army he paying therefor such Price as he shall think reasonable and just that is to say such as will be a Compensation for the Labor of purchasing and securing said Grain and for the prime Cost of the same.

And as to the third Matter of the said Dispatches your Committe report the following Resolution:

Resolved that in the Opinion of this Committee it will be of great service to the American Cause to apprehend Joseph Brandt, wherefore no Cost should be spared for that purpose and that it will be of use to recommend to Gen^l Schuyler M^r John Harper of the County of Tryon as a proper Person to be employed in that Service

the said John Harper being as this Committee are well informed very intimately acquainted at the Oneoghquage Castle and warmly attached to the American Cause.

(Indorsed.) Recommitted & another report was made instead thereof by Gen[l] Scott, 9 Feb. 1777.

Captain Hegeman to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 303.]

To the Honourable the Convention of the State of New-York.

GENTLEMEN: I have had the honour to hold a Commission of Capt. in Coll[o] Brinckerhoff Regiment for some time past but notwithstanding my zeal for the American Cause which has Ever been and Still Shall be my Studdy to promote— I finding the Infirmitys of old age growing upon me fast and am otherwise much indisposed for which Reasons only I Desire to Resighn my Commishion I am now almost Sixty three years old—

I remain with Sincerity to my Country[s] Cause,

Your honours Very Humble Servant,

FISH KILLS, Februa[y] 8[th] 1777. ISAAC HEGEMAN.

To the president of the Convention of the State of New-York.

Petition of C. S. Cosster.

[Petitions, 33: 644.]

To the gentle men of Committey

SIRS: I Bege the favour that my Millers may Not Be Drafted for when the fuller is Drafted the fuller miller stands still for I am from hom and Cante take Care my self for I thinke that I am Not weell yousd for I have Been in the servis my self, and my Millers to be Drafted is Not Righte for I have But to send three milles and one is fuller mill and the publick muste sufer for the publick wants there Cloth Drest and if you Cante Endluge me for Both I Desire that you would Lett my fuller Be at home and Not to Be Drafted this from yours to serve

February 11[th] day 1777. COR[s] SLEEMER COSSTER.

Resolution of the Ulster County Committee.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 305.]

IN COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, NEW PALTZ, 11[th] Feb[y] 1777.

Resolved, That application be made by this Committee to the Secry[s] of the Convention of this State for a general Return to be taken from the Journals of s[d] Convention of the time that the several Members from this County have served in Congress's or Conventions.

By Order of the Committee,

ROB[T] BOYD, Jun[r] *Chairman.*

To JOHN M[c]KESSON & ROBERT BENSON Esq[rs]

Memorandum.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 350.]

Several Members of Convention, informed S. Loudon, that the Convention would take a thousand (as they did of the 1[st] N°) of the 2[nd] N° of the *Crisis*, in consequence of which he printed a thousand for them.

FISHKILL, 12[th] Feb[r] 1777.

Memorial of Captain James Stewart.

[Petitions, 33: 632, 630; Miscel. Pap. 39: 341.]

To the Honourable the Committee of Safety for the State of New York now Convened.

The Memorial of James Stewart a Captain in Colo Dubois's Regimt, Humbly Sheweth,

That Allen Grant a deserving Soldier enlisted in your Memorialists Company last summer to serve during the present war & was with others unfortunately taken prisoner on N. York Island by the Enemy on the 15th Septr last. That the said Allen Grant being exchanged and landed at Milford in Connecticut as appears by the annexed certificate is arrived to join your Memorialist's Company. That the said Allen Grant has not received pay since his Enlistment. Your Memorialist prays an order of this Honourable House for the pay of the said Allen Grant or such other order in the premises as they may think proper and in their wisdom equitable. And your Memorialist as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

February 12th 1777. JAMES STEWART, *Capt.*

Pass for Allen Grant.

These are to certify that Allen Grant is one of the Prisoners that was Landed at this Port from on Board the Flag Ship Glascow & has been for some time sick in this Town. It is desired that all Committees would give him their Aid & assistance on his way home. GIDEON BUCKINHAM,
JONAS WOOSTER,

Dated at Milford in Connecticut Jany the 22d 1777. *Committee.*

Report of Committee on Petition of Capt. James Stewart.

Feb 12 [1777].

Your Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Capt James Stewart Beg leave to report

that it is the opinion of your Committee that information be Given to Capt James Stewart, to apply to Colo Malcolm for the pay of Allen Grant as it appears from the best information your Committee Can obtain that the Collrs Received pay for such as was made prisoners of their respective Battalions all which nevertheless is Humbly Submitted.

Sir: Your Memorial Dated Febr 12 was read and considered — the Committee of Safety have directed me to informe you to apply to Colo Malcolm for the pay of Allen Grant as it is most likely the Colo received pay for such as had the misfortune to be made prisoners of war. I am

To Capt James Stewart.

Petition of William Douglass.

[Petitions, 33: 640.]

To the Honble Convention of the State of N. York.

Gentlemen: Whereas William Douglass the Subscriber Lately belonging to Capt Hamilton's Company of Artillery of this State did Lose his Right arm in an Engagement with the Enemy of this Continent at New York and has been sick since July Last past and not received any pay since that time, having Expended all my money during my sickness & incapable of supporting myself by reason of the loss of my Right arm as also being wounded at the same time in my Leg and partly Losing its use am therefore Necessitated to Lay myself Before your Honble House begging & praying for some Subsistence or if it may please you to put me into some Service or Business so that I may Earn my Living and whereas having Lost the use of part of

my Limbs in Defence of my Country I doubt not and flatter myself that what I have Left I am always and at all times willing to make use of them to the same purpose and in Defence of the same as far as Lies in my power. In Granting y^r^ Hb^ble^ Petitioners Request will always be remembered & Greatly acknowledged by Gentlemen y^r^ most ob^t^ and very H^ble^ Serv^t^

WILLIAM DOUGLASS.

Fishkill, Feb^y^ 12^th^ 1777.

Members of a Committee for Westchester County.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 309.]

King Street, February y^e^ 12, 1777.

A Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Westchester County having appeared at the Court House on the 16^th^ April 1776, in consequence of Notice given for that Purpose by the Committee of the said County, chose the Persons hereafter named to serve as a Committee for the said County from the 2^nd^ Monday in May, 1776, to the 2^nd^ Monday in May, 1777 — any twenty whereof to be a Quorum, viz^t^:

For Morrissania.

Lewis Morris, Jun^r^—1

For Westchester.

Thomas Hunt,
Abraham Leggett,
Israel Honeywell,
John Oakley,
Gilbert Oakley,
Daniel White,
John Smith—7

For Yonkers.

William Hadley,
William Betts,
Thomas Emmons,
John Crawford,
Fred. V. Cortlandt—5

For Eastchester.

Stephen Sneden,
Edward Briggs,
Daniel Sebring—3

For New Rochelle and Pelham.

original Mss. burned here.

Myers,
Guion,
Willis,
lip Well, Jun^r^—4

For Mamaroneck.

Gil Budd Horton—1

For Rye.

Samuel Townsend,
Israel Seaman,
Fred Say,
Samuel Lyon,
Gilbert Lyon,
John Thomas, Jun^r^—6

For Philipsburg.

Israel Honeywell, Jun^r^
Abraham Storm,
Peter Van Tassell,
Glode Requeau,
Abr^m^ Ledew,
James Hammond,
Joseph Youngs,
Gershom Sherwood,
James Requean,
Thomas Champenois—10

For W. Plains.

Benjamin Lyon,
Joshua Hatfield—2

For Scarsdale.

Samuel Crawford—1

For II. Precinct.

Thomas Thomas,
W^m^ Miller,
Isaiah Maynard—3

For North Castle.

Michael Hays,
Peter Lyon,
Jacob Purdy,
Andrew Sniffin,
Gilbert Palmer,
Caleb Merritt, Jun^r^
Caleb Carpenter—7

For Bedford.

Elijah Hunter,
John Woolsey,
Titus Miller,
Israel Lyon—4

For Poundridge.

Josh Lockwood—1

For Salem.

Abijah Gilbert—1

For Cortlandts Manor.

Joseph Travis,
Daniel Birdsall,
Samuel Drake,
Abraham Purdy,
Nathaniel Hyatt,
Joseph Lee,
Ebenezer Purdy,
Isaac Norton,
Halsey Wood—9

For Ryeks Patent.

Hercules Lent, 1—Total 66.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true Copy taken from the Records of the Committee of the County of Westchester.

EDWARD THOMAS, *Clerk.*

Paroles of Sarah Cunningham and Ann Dillingham.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 375.]

Dutchess County, ss. Sarah Cunningham, wife of James Cunningham at present with the Enemy in the City of New-York being duely sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and Saith that she will not communicate or convey any Intelligence either by word or writing relative the State or Army of the united Colonies or either of them or any other writings or papers whatever but such as shall be delivered to her by the Members or Secretaries of the Convention of the State of New York or their order. SARAH CUNNINGHAM.

Sworn this 13th day of February 1777
Before me,
PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, V. Presd^{t}

Dutchess County, ss. Ann Dillingham wife of Silvanus Dillingham now in the City of New-York with the Enemy, being duely sworn on the holy Evangelists deposeth & saith that She will not communicate or convey any Intelligence either by word or writing to any person or persons relative to the State of New-York or the Army of the United American States or their Navy or any part thereof nor carry or convey any writings or papers to any person or persons in New-York but such as shall be delivered to her by the members or secretaries of the Convention of the State of New-York or their order. ANN DILLINGHAM.

Sworn this 13th day of February 1777
Before me,
PIERRE VAN CORTLANDT, V. Presd^{t}

Certificate of James Douglass' Service.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 207.]

James Douglass Wass a Private in Captain Goforth's Company, General M^{c}Dougals late Regiment, and has Served in Canada in the year 1775, listed after his discharge from S^{d} Regiment in the artillery and Wass Wounded in New-York last fall. FRED^{k} WEISENFELS, *Lt. Col.*

FISHKILLS, Feb. 14, 1777
To all whom it may concern.

Colonel Anthony Wayne to General Schuyler.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 197.]

TICONDEROGA 13th Feb^{y} 1777.

DEAR GENERAL: An Express came in from one of our scouting parties about twelve o'clock last Night, with Intelligence that they had taken two French Men, who were then under Guard about five miles North of Crown point, they arrived here about an Hour since and turn out to be a Lieut Guio late belonging to Colo: Livingston's Canadian Regiment and his Guide John prapliste pero—They profess themselves fast Friends to America and say they flew from oppression—Guio being but a few days released from 24 weeks Confinement in Irons—They agree in the following account viz^{t} after the Retreat of the Enemy they took post

150 at Montreal where General Frazer commands.
100 at La Praire.
200 at Chamille, under the infamous Gen^{l} Paoli.
550 at St. John's, including the Sailors & Marines.
300 at the Isle aux noix with a Battery of 12 Guns.
100 at Bojor ville &
20 at point au fair.

The Remainder of the British Troops are billeted two or three in each House in the Vicinity of Montreal, Chamille [Chambly] &c, and that all the German Troops are cantoned in & below Quebec—that no part of them are gone out of that Country, but that all who arrived last Spring are yet there—That Generals Burgoine & M^{c}Clean are gone to Great Britain for a large Reinforcement against next Spring.

Provisions and Cash are scarce in Canada,—They give Notes in place of Money and that the Germans are mutinous for want of pay and necessaries.

They further say that being at Chamble seventeen Days since—a great Number of Indians were then ready to set out against us and that he heard Gen^{l} Paoli give them part of their orders, which was to proceed to this place and make prisoners with a promise of twenty half Joe's per Head.

Lieut. Guio and his Guide then began their March for this post and on their arrival at le grand Isle (ten Days after) they discovered one hundred Indians with a few Regulars one half on the East the others on the west side of Lake Champlain—That five Days since they discovered the same parties about half-way between that and Crown Point and that we may expect them every Hour—They also agree that the Enemy have four Top Sail Vessels carrying twelve Guns each and two Row Gallies and no more, but that they are busy in building four more large Vessels and have about 800 Canadians employed in the different works.

Whether this Account of the Indians is true or false I shall be prepared to receive them and will be answerable for the Defence of this post until you can have Time to send me succours. Interim I am Dear General

Your most Obed^{t} hbl^{e} Servant,

Honb^{le} M. Gen^{l} Schuyler. ANTH^{y} WAYNE.

Albany County Committee to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38 : 187.]

Albany County Committee Chamber 13th Feby. 1777.

Gent: Upon a late order of this Committee for the Rangers to march to Tyconderoga for the purpose of Strengthening that Garrison, they have refused to perform that Service. They have also refused to do Garrison Duty, and have disobeyed the Commands of this Committee in several other instances.

If they are not to do the duty of Soldiers in General we presume they can be of no service to the Country at least we are assured the advantage we can receive from them cannot be equal to the Vast Sum expended for their Pay and Subsistance, with Submission to you we think as they have received a Bounty that they ought to be annexed to some Regiment, or that they be discharged upon their delivering up the Bounty given them, or at least part thereof.

We are Gent, Your Very humble Serv^{t} By Order,

JOHN BARCLAY, *Chairman.*

To the Honb^{le} the Convention of the State of New York.

Petition of Assistant Commissary Cregier.

[Petitions, 33: 620.]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of New York.

The Memorial of Cornelius Cregier, Humbly Sheweth

that the Committee of the honorable Convention appointed to procure Cloathing for the Continental Army placed your Memorialist in the cloathing Store as their Store Keeper. That your Memorialist has with his utmost diligence and great fatigue frequently during nights as well as the days executed that Trust. That your Memorialist has a very Minute Knowledge of the Business of the said Store hitherto, and humbly conceives that in a few weeks the Cloathing for the troops will

be principally collected, That your Memorialist by his removal from the City of New York to avoid falling into the hands of the enemy, has lost the most part of his property, and that he has a wife and seven children. That your Memorialist is informed that the Committee who superintend the said Store will speedily remove, and that a Commissary will be appointed to superintend the same. Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays that he may be appointed Commissary of the said Store, if the Convention in their wisdom shall think fit, or otherwise that he may be continued therein in such situation & with such order as to have some fixt allowance for his continual attention, Trouble & fatigue and be removable only by the order of the Honorable the Representatives or some Committee of their appointment.

And your Memorialist shall ever pray.

February 14th 1777. CORNS CRYGIER.

Report on the Continental Frigates.

[Miscel. Pap. 34: 103.]

Febv 14, 1777.

Your Committee appointed to confer with Capt. Samuel Tudor and Mr Burling, Do report,

That in the course of the Conference Capt Tudor says that about Five Tons of Iron is still wanting for the Continental Frigates now at Esopus, without which they cannot be compleated by the Spring, and that he is at a Loss how to procure the same without the Assistance of this House.

He also says that he is in want of the following Articles for the purpose aforesaid, to wit.: 25 Copper Ladles for 12 Pounders, 1 Box of false fires, 2 Copper Drifts for false fires, 2 ditto for Fuses for Hand Granades, 12 lb. of steel Dust, 100 lb of Sulpher, 8 Cegs of white Lead, 6 doz Lanthorns, Muskets, Pistols & Cutlasses, he also informs your Committee That he cannot supply the Ship Wrights with Rations at the Rate of 10½d pr Ration occasioned by the advanced price of Provisions. But is willing to purchase provision on the lowest Terms, and furnish the Ship Wrights therewith, he receiving the amount of what the Rations shall Cost him. At the same Time both Capt. Tudor & Mr. Burling recommended to the Committee as the Easiest and most Satisfactory method to advance the wages of each Shipwright 3 shillings pr Day in Lieu of Rations. Your Committee do further report that Mr. Burling informed them that he is in advance for Provisions furnished the work men on Board the Ship Congress, and that he stands engaged to them for their Nights work in bringg up the said Ship from Poughkeepsie to Esopus which Captain Austin Lawrence absolutely refuses to pay.

Your Committee are of opinion that a Letter from this House Directed to Colo Robert Livingston at the Manor Requesting him with all convenient speed to furnish the aforesaid quantity of Iron will be the most effectual means to procure it. Your Committee are further of opinion that the likest means for obtaining the Copper Ladles, and sundry other Articles before mentioned will be by application to the Continental Marine Committee,

Resolved, That 10s 6d ought to be allowed to the Carpenters on board the Continental Ships built at Poukeepsie for pay and Rations, and 13s 9d to the foremen for pay and Rations, and that it be recommended by the Superintendants of the sd Ship to pay them from the Date hereof at that rate.

Your Committee are further of opinion that the said Lancaster Burling and others who have supplied the men on Board the Ship Congress with Provisions, return to this House a true account of the Number of men victuled and the amount thereof, which account ought to be proved upon Oath or affirmation, to be just before the Chairman of the Committee and the Town of Kingston, or the Chairman of the Committee of the Precinct of Poughkeepsie who should be required to Certify the same, and that the said account thus proved be transmitted to the Convention of this State to be delivered to the Auditor to be audited for payment.

Resolutions concerning the Continental Currency.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 191.]

Albany Committee Chamber 18th Febʸ 1777.

Mr. Abraham A. Lansingh of Stonerabia in the County of Albany appeared before this Board, and Complained against Jillis De Garmo and others for refusing to take in Payment on Bond the Continental Currency, and whereas sundry Complaints of the same Nature have been preferred to this Board, and no salutary mode prescribed to this Committee how to proceed in a Case so Circumstanced and being greatly alarmed at the approaching evill which will unavoidably ensue,

Thereupon Resolved that Messʳˢ John M. Beekman and William Thorn be appointed a Committee immediately to repair to the Convention of this State now Sitting at Kingston, and there make personal application to that Honorable Body, for some Salutary Resolve to be by them passed to relieve us from the approaching apprehensions respecting the Continental Currency and that the said Beekman and Thorn do not return untill they obtain if possible such a Resolve.

Resolved That it be recommended to the said Beekman and Thorn to keep an exact account of their Expenses which will be reimbursed them by this Board.

Extract from the Minutes,

MAT. VISCHER, *Secʸ*

Commissary Cheever to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 193.]

Fishkill, Feb. 19, 1777.

To the Hon. Convention for yᵉ State of New York.

Genᵀ: Having recᵈ pressing Orders from His Excellʸ Genˡ Washington yᵉ 4th Instᵗ to get all the fire arms in my department repaired & Boxed up ready to be delivered when Called for, as I am a Stranger here & presuming on your Zeal for the Genˡ Service, I humbly Request your assistance in procuring Workmen for the purpose aforesᵈ, I am also directed to provide as many Musket Cartriges as possible for the Continental Army—I have Sufficiency of Window lead but no men to run balls for present use. Being informed by Mr. Saket you have a quantity of leaden ball, I earnestly pray you'l be pleased to give orders for the Ordnance Store to have Such a part of them as may be Necessary for the Genˡ Service.

I am ordered on Publick Service for New England. Let Mʳ Ruddocks orders or Receipts be as sufficient as mine.

Your favours with regard to the above will greatly Oblige,

Your most Obedᵗ Humble Serᵗ

EZEK. N. CHEVER, *Com. Artillery.*

John Henry to Pierre Van Cortland, Esq.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 337.]

Pierre Van Cortlandt Esqʳ Fishkills 20th February 1777.

Sir: The Sudden removal of the Members of our State Convention has intirely left me, under a dificulty about proper Orders, how to act, in drawing Cash, to Supply the different payments, which the nature of my buisness may require; you will please give me directions, upon whom I may draw, or how, I am to be Supplied with money for the future; I have been Speaking to Mʳ Roosevelt, this day about this matter, he says, if your Treasurer will give me an order on him that he can at present Supply me with a parcel of this new emission, which will answer my purpose, in payments to the different Work people.

Mʳ Harper informs me, there are a large Quantity of Leather Breeches & Linen Shirts Storᵈ at Esopus. Them things at present are much wanted, the former of which we have but a few pairs of; therefore it woud be highly necessary theso

things Shoud be forwarded to the Convention Store in this place, in order that I may have it in my power, to Supply the Troops, as necessity may require. I hope you will favor me with an answer, as quick as possible—I shoud have Sent you the Ammo^{t} of the different articles that were remaining on Hands in the Cloathing Store but a this time am hurried, the first opp^{y} Shall Send it.

I am Sir, With all due Respects Your Verry Hb^{le} Serv^{t}

Favored by Ab^{m} Christopher Bancker. JOHN HENRY.

Petition of Members of a Court Martial.

[Petitions, 33: 628.]

To the Honourable Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of the Members of a General Court Martial now sitting in Ulster County Composed of General George Clinton's Brigade, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners in obediance to an Order of Brigadier General George Clinton hath proceeded to determine a Number of Cases between the States of America and several offenders, among others Samuel Knapp of Col Hathorns Regiment of Militia of Orange County, which for Certain Reasons your Honourable House hath passed a Resolve of January 1777 for the Especial purposes of Trying the said Knapp by a Resolve of the 16th July Last makeing Certain Offences Treason against this State, and from the Examination of a Number of witnesses find the said Knapp Guilty of Treason ag^{t} this State, and Consequently the punishment annexed is Death. Your petitioners find among some of the Evidence Instances of his friendship towards his Country from time to time and being also informed that when he was apprehended was on his way home from New York, and he now declares it was his Intention to Return home that he was better Convinced; Circumstances, that presents to us a Reformation, your petitioners beg leave to inform you that the said Knapp has a wife and a Number of small children to Lament his awful disaster. Moved from these considerations your Petitioners takes the Liberty to inform your Honourable House that they are pleased with the prospect of that Tenderness and humane feelings so fully exhibited by you in the Reservation of his life in your hands, altho Condemned to Die by the Laws of his Country We further beg leave to inform your Honourable House that we are abundantly convinced you have nothing more in view by Punishing offenders than to teach the Subjects of this State, the Great duty they owe to themselves, their Posterity and Country, your Petitioners further beg Leave to inform your Honb^{le} House that the sentence now passed by your Petitioners against him in their opinion may be a sufficient example if wisely Improved (and yet spare his life) your Petitioner rest assured that your Honb^{le} house will point out a way that his Life may be spared and yet justice sattisfied. And your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Signed in behalf and by order of this Court Martial By me,

Ulster County, 21st February, 1777. JESSE WOODHULL, *President.*

Petition of Prisoners in Kingston Jail.

[Petitions, 33: 638.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York Convened.

The petition of us whose names are hereunto subscribed, Humbly Sheweth,

That y^{r} petitioners is at present and hath been for several months past prisoners, Confined in Kingston Goal of the County of Ulster for Being thought unfriendly to and Enemies to the American States. That y^{r} petitioners is of nothing more Desirous than of Becoming subjects to this State. That y^{r} petitioners to signify their Fidelity to this State are Ready and willing to take the oaths of Allegiance agreable to what is set forth by his Excellency's General Washington's proclamation, and also any other Requests and Demands which to this Honourable House shall seem meet and

necessary for y^r^ petitioners to do and perform for the same. That y^r^ petitioners Family's Labours under Great Distress by Reason of y^r^ petitioners Confinement to the Great Grief of y^r^ petitioners, y^r^ petitioners therefore most humbly prays that this Honourable House would be favourably pleased to take the premises under their most serious consideration so as that y^r^ petitioners may be Relieved from their confinement or to give such Relief as to this Honourable House shall seem meet. And y^r^ petioners shall ever pray.

John Sare, Joseph Turner, Samuel Hains,
David Pembruck, Jacob Schurman ju^r^ Bloomer Neelson,
Fredreck Cuntreman, Ja^s^ Robinson.

Kingston Goal, Feb^ry^ 19^th^ 1777.

Petition of John Winn.

[Petitions, 33: 670.]

To the Hon^ble^ the Representatives of the State of New York.

The Humble Petition of John Winn, lately Commanding a Company of Rangers in the Service of the State of New York, Humbly Sheweth

That having already had the Honour of presenting a Memorial of my unfortunate Circumstances of his Excelleney Maj^r^ Gen^l^ Schuyler who hath refered your Petitioner to your Honours, And having had the Honour of presenting to your Honours a Memorial of his unhappy Situation your Petitioners Humbly prays that your Honours will take his unhappy Missfortunes into Consideration and give such order therein as your superior wisdom shall direct, in order that your Petitioner may again be Restored to the Liberty of serving his Country, and your Petitioner as in duty Bound shall ever pray. JOHN WINN.

Esopus, 22^d^ February, 1777.

Captain McCracken to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 763.]

New Perth, Feb^r^ 22^d^ 1777.

Sir: Whereas my Company is nearly Compleated and have received But 220 Dollars to pay the mens Bounty. I am now in want of more Cash and as I am Ordered by the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements to apply to you for the same, and you may rest assured I will Transmitt to the Treasurer a just acc^t^ with all Convenient speed. The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, I believe will suffice for the Present, which youll please send by the Bearer Lieut Edward Savage, and I will acc^t^ for the same.

I am Sir with the Greatest Respect your most obedient & very Hum^l^ Serv^t^

JOSEPH M^c^CRACKEN,
Capt. in Coll Van Schaicks Regiment.

To the President of the Provincial Convention of the State of New York.

N. B. The 220 Dollars I received of the Coll^o^ and my Lieut hath received some more. But in no ways equal to the Sum Due. I made Application to the Coll^o^ but as he had no Cash by him he recommended me to you.

Warrant for the apprehension of James Smith and James Acton.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 252.]

Forasmuch as James Smith and James Acton are brought before the Committee of the Town of Rochester in Ulster County on Suspition of being Disaffected persons to the America Liberty and upon Examination no Due proof Can be found against them But as they have with them two Large horses well Kept and Several

Circumstances appearing with them not Honest and this Committe not being acquainted with any Resolve of the Convention of this State How to act in this Behalf therefore do hereby order that Cap^{t} Andrew Bevier with a proper Guard to Convey and Deliver them the Same James Smith and James Acton to Kingston with their horses to the Convention or president of the Convention of the State of New York

Given under our hands at Rochester this 23th Day of february 1777.

By order of the Committee,

JACOB HOORNBEK, *Chairman.*

S^{d} Captain Bevier was ordered to apprehend the same Two persons by the Committee with a proper Guard.

General George Clinton to the President of the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 258.]

NEW WINDSOR, 23^{d} February, 1777.

DEAR SIR: On my arival Home last Night I received a Letter from his Excellency General Washington, of which the enclosed is a Copy. By this you will find that more is expected from me than is in my Power even tho' the 500 Men ordered to be raised in Dutchess & West Chester were compleated, unless they were to join me on this Side the River and then I should be able to afford but a very inconsiderable Reinforcement to the Main Army (if any at all) after posting sufficient Detachments at the Pass, for effecting the Business more particularly recommended in his Excellencys Letter. Col^{l} Pawling's Regiment consists now only of 361 including Officers, and they occupy three different Posts, to wit: Sydman's Bridge, Cloyster & Hackensack, all equally if not more necessary than that mentioned by the Gen^{l} and I dont imagine he means they should be abondon'd — I fear that sending a Detachment out of this small Force (already much divided) to Passaiack Falls will be indangering the other Posts, at any Rate it will render the Duty on the men exceedingly hard. I will however order a Lieutenants Party there for the Present, in hopes that some Way may be devised to supply this Place — Useless as the Rangers have been, would it not be best to annex to Belknaps & D. Witts Companies to Col Pawling's Regiment on this Occasion — I have issued orders to the Militia Colonels to Compleat their Compliment of Men which they were to have raised, Some of whom have been much more deficient in this Respect than I could have thought.

This and the Number that have enlisted out of Col^{l} Pawlings Regiments in the Standing Army, and some Desertions of Tory Drafts to the Enemy are the Reason why it falls so much short of its Complement.

Mr. Connoly the Bearer hereof will wait upon you with Daniel Isaac Miller, who left New York on Thursday last and can give some Satisfactory Information,

I am, with due Respect, Your most Obed^{t} Serv^{t}

GEO. CLINTON.

To the Hon^{ble} the President of the Convention of the State of New York.

General Washington to General Geo. Clinton

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 256.]

HEAD QUARTERS, MORRIS TOWN, 19th Feb^{y} 1777.

SIR: Information being lodged That many of the Inhabitants living near the Passaick Falls, are busily employed in removing their Provision & Forage within the Enemy's reach with a Design of supplying them obliges me to beg the favour of you to let me know what Success you have experienced in collecting the Troops voted by the Convention of the State of New York. The Presence of some men in

that Neighborhood would be attended with much good, add to this the well grounded probability that the Enemy (being lately reinforced) will make some movement soon — And you will I am satisfied use your utmost Exertions to bring a reinforcement to our Assistance. At present I cannot check the above mentioned Practice least the Detachment sent that way be more wanted for other Purposes than this — I therefore hope that some of your Troops will take that Duty off my Hands, and that you will further enable me effectually to oppose any Designs of the Enemy. I am Sir, Your most Obed^{t} Serv^{t}

Gen^{l} Geo. Clinton, New-Windsor. G^{o} WASHINGTON.

Commissary Henry to Pierre Van Cortlandt, Esqr.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 347.]

Fishkills, 24th February, 1777.

Sir: I wrote you the 21st Inst., Since which have not been favor'd with your answer; you must excuse my urgency about the money as it is impossible for me to pretend to do the business, the Hon^{ble} the Convention have appointed me to. There is frequent calls for Cash, as there are a number of work people coming in every Day, who Stand in immediate want of it; & Several other Demands; I have been borrowing Money to pay for a parcel of Shirts, which come to the Store on Saturday last; & expect it will be the same case with me to-day, unless your Hon^{ble} body will give me immediate directions how, and on whom I am to Draw for Cash. I hope you will observe the Contents, & Speedily Supply my Demands, as there is real necessity for it.

I am Sir, with all Due Respects, Your most Ob^{t} Hbl^{e} Serv^{t}

JOHN HENRY.

Sir: Inclosd I now send you the List of Cloathing, &c., which was on hand in the Store, when I commenc'd Commissary of the Cloathing Department (pr. order of the Convention, for this State); you may be enabled to see from the inclos'd List, what Situation our Store is in, therefore am flattering myself, you will forward the Breeches & Shirts, which are in Store, at Esopus, So as I may have it in my power to make a proper distribution of them things among the Troops,

I am Sir, Your Very Hbl^{e} Serv^{t},

JOHN HENRY.

David Gelston to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 248.]

Middletown, February 24th 1777.

Gentlem^{n}: I send you pr. M^{r} Noadiah Hubbard four bbls Salt petre mark'd & numb^{d} as pr. list inclosed, containing in the whole 1123 lb. W^{t}: which I think is pure and well refined, and hope will come safe to hand.

The powder that was lodged at Saybrook I expect to send forward in a day or two. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your most Obd^{t} Servant,

The Hh^{ble} Convention, New York. DAVID GELSTON.

John Hancock to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 225.]

Baltimore, Feb^{y} 25th 1777.

Gentlemen: In Consequence of Intelligence from Gen^{l} Washington received yesterday by Express, that the Enemy at Brunswick were considerably reinforced by the Junction of the Troops from Rhode Island under the Command of Gen^{l} Clinton, the Congress immediately came to a Resolution that it would be highly

agreeable to them, that Gen[l] Washington should call to his assistance such of the Troops under Gen[l] Heath, as he might think necessary, and I have this Day wrote to him to inform him of this Determination. But as the Absence of the regular Troops may leave the Passes in the Highlands unguarded, I am directed by Congress to request that you will station as many of the Militia at those Passes as will be sufficient to defend them against the attempts of the Enemy, it being the earnest Desire of Congress to make the army under the immediate command of Gen[l] Washington sufficiently strong not only to confine the Enemy within their present Quarters, and to prevent them from drawing Support of any kind from the Country, but by the Blessing of God to subdue them before they can be further reinforced. I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen, Your most Obed[t] and very hble Serv[t],

JOHN HANCOCK, *President.*

Hon[ble] Convention of the State of New York.

Gen. Ten Broeck to John Hancock

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 183.]

Sir: Your favour of the 25[th] of February I have had the Honour of receiving and laying before the Convention. It is earnestly wished that the Army under the more immediate command of General Washington was augmented to the number intended by Congress; and that it was in the power of this State to station a competent force in the High lands and Westchester County, to defend the passes and protect the Inhabitants from the Insults of the Enemy; This State Sir has chearfully sustaind Burthened during the Summer and Winter Campaigns far beyond her strength. Her Losses of Men and Labour are severely felt; and the incessant calls upon the Militia have become a Greviance which is no longer tolerable.

The Convention flattered themselves that the large army provided for the Defence of the United States would have rendered their Services except on very urgent and Sudden Emergencies unnecessary and have given Repose to the Husbandman & the Artificer; It is therefore with equal Pain and Disappointment that the Convention views the Resolution of the honourable Congress to draw all the Continental Battalions raised in this State to the Westward and to leave our Militia to the accumulated Charge of garrisoning the Passes, and of defending the Country against the Inroads and Ravages of the Enemy who from Fort Independence & Kings bridge continue to carry a predatory war, to captivate and carry off our best friends, destroy their Effects, and beat off the feeble Guards which we are able to maintain. No less than sixty of our Rangers Surprised by a Superior Force, fell into their Hands this week; besides the Chairman of the County Committee & several of his Friends & Family. what, Sir, under these circumstances must be the Feelings of our Inhabitants should their Quota of the Continental Troops according to the Proposition be drawn of from their Assistance, At a time too when it is generally expected that a more vigorous attack will be made upon the exposed Frontiers of this State.

I am directed Sir to call your attention to the repeated Exertions of our Militia.

J. Hancok Esq[r]

Colonel Bayley to the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 235.]

Newbury, Feb[y] 26[th] 1777.

Sir: we have lately sent Scouts to St. Francois and Messesque and find by the former that the Enemy at Canada Determin to Survey the Passes to this Country at least, Soon, from Messesque that Gen[rll] Carlton has confined Mr. Metcalf to Montreal who has moved his family and moveables from Messesque.

I suppose Late Hossingtons Men Should be ordered on Deuty under some Com mander. I am Constantly Imployed in the Service but have no Pay, and am willing

as longe as I can live with out Beging the time is now Com. I had in Pay 60 Men from the tenth of July to the tenth of Sept^{r} at ten Dollars pr. month and Supplyed them which were the only Soldiers in this quarter. During S^{d} term I was Desired by Committees of this and Neighbouring State to do the Servise (they were men I had hired to make a road to Canada). Must Desire you to Consider my Case and grant me relief by paying the role offered by my Clerk Mr. William Wallace as I cannot do justice to the American Cause without the Militia are now on their march from this County I am obliged to advance Marching Money & I am Gen^{tm}

Your most obedient Humble Serv^{t}

JACOB BAYLEY.

P. S. I wrote you last week Peticular Concerning our New State, I am afraid Cumberlin will not make any Draft of Men. shall know tomorrow as I am now on my journey their.
per William Wallace.

Colonel Bayley to John McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 239.]

Newbury, 26th Feb^{y} 1777.

Sir: I am sorry I cannot attend the Convention. Disordered men has Disordered Great Part of Cumberlin and the lower Towns in Glouester and by applying Proper Medicine they are in a hopefull way. Mr. Wallace will inform you more who I send to do some business for me. You will find him to be a man of truth and Honesty. Should be obliged to you to advise him in his business and Send by him your Torry acts for the moveing them and Direct where if need be.

I recieved yours of Jan^{y} 10th a month after Date. I do not look on myself a member of any State but New York.

In hast I am Sir Your very Humble Ser^{t}

JACOB BAYLEY.

Petition of Direk Gardenier and Matthew Goes.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 209.]

Hurley in Ulster County 26th February 1777.

To the Hon^{ble} the Representatives of the State of New-York.

The Humble Petition of the Subscriber Most Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners have been Close Confined from the 9th of Oct^{r} last untill the Second Day of Novem^{r} When by a Resolve of the Committee for Enquiring into and Detecting all Conspirecies &c., Your Petitioners Where Enlarged to part of the Town of Fishkill, on your Petitioners perole not to Leave the place. Where your Petitioners have remained untill the 29th of Jan^{y} During which time your Petitioners have Frequently Solissited the said Committee for leaf to Visit our Familys and to Settle our Domestick affairs. This favour your Petitioners have not been Indulged with, Altho Frequently Granted to others under the same Circumstances with your Petitioners. On the 29th of Jan^{y} your Petitioners where ordered to appear before the said Committee and made aequainted with the Resolution of that Board. In which they Resolve, that your Petitioners, having Refused to Take the Oath of Allegiance to the States, are Notoriously Disaffected to the American Cause, and ought therefore not to be permitted to Return to their Respective Homes, for fear your Petitioners Should use their Influence to the Prejudice of American Liberty, and that your Petitioners be forthwith Removed to Ulster County, and there to Remain on their Parole, at a certain Gentlemans house and Farm, as Charles D. Witt Esq^{r} shall appoint, and not to leave the said house and farm, without Leave of the said Committee, Or of the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State. Your Petitioners Case is the more Deplorable, having no person at Home to Super-

intend their Domestic affairs but Females. Your Petitioners are Informed that their Slaves Absolutely Refuse all Obedience, Taking the Adventage from your Petitioners absence. Your Petitioners in this time of thier Distress, Look up to your Honourable Board as the only Gaurdiens of the people from Whome only Relief can be obtained.

Which if not Remedied will End in the Ruin and Distruction of your Petitioners Familys and affects.

Your Petitioners therefore Humbly pray that your Honorable Board will be Pleased to take their Case into Consideration and Suffer your Petitioners to Return to their Families for a Limetted Time. Your Petitioners are willing to become obligated to your Hon^ble^ Board in any Term whatsoever that they shall not use any Influence to the Prejudice of Amarican Freedom, or under Such other Restrictions or Obligations as your Hon^ble^ Board shall think proper. Or such other Relief as you in your wisdom shall think Meet.

Your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Will Ever pray.

DIRCK GARDENIER,
MATTHEW GOES, Jun.

Samuel Loudon to John McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 215.]

FISHKILL, 27^th^ Feb. 1777.

DR. SIR: Your fav^r^ I received for w^ch^ I'm your debtor. I've sent pr. Post 6 Articles of War. I sell them at 2s 8d a p^c^—the price is high, but we printed only about 200—Paper I formerly bought in Phil^a^ at 14 pr. Ream, I pay 42s for now pr. Ream, and more than treble the Cartage cost. By next Weeks Post, I will send you the Almanacks and shall make out a list of what School Books I have on hand in this place. I sent nearly the whole of my Books to Norwich two months before I left the City.

You will see the Parliamentary debates in this Weeks Paper. I have forwarded a packet of Papers &c from other Officers, to Convention, pr. Post. Coll. Willett just now informed me that last Sabbath a party of our Troops attacked a large Body of the enemy's, between Brunswick & Amboy, killed more than 50, & took a few. We lost about eight and some wounded. Another party the same day killed 8 of the Enemy; wounded two Waggon load, & took a considerable number. Tis said, and that on good authority that the dissatisfaction is almost universal among the soldiers in New York—Four of Roger's Rangers came off to Gen^l^ McDougall this morning; more may be expected; opportunities of escape, they say, are rare, they bronght off their Guns. The Dutch Address will go on next week & will soon be finished. I thank you for your kind offer—respecting my Paper. If I can at any time serve you, I assure you your commands will be very acceptable to D^r^ Sir,

Your most humble Serv.

SAM^L^ LOUDON.

P. S. The best Appology I can make for my hurried scrawl—'Tis my Publishing Day & much hurried.

Johannes D. Blauvelt to the President of the Convention.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 219.]

ORANGE TOWN, 27^th^ Feb^y^ 1777.

SIR: I take the liberty to inform you that some time the latter end of the year 1775, Abraham Lent Esq^r^ was appointed Col: and myself Lieu^t^ Col: of the Regiment, or Battalion of the Militia, of this place; not long after that Col: Lent, resigned his Commission; since which no other has been appointed in his Stead; but myself have been under the Necessity of doing the duty of said Regiment (which is a task

too hard for me considering my want of knowledge and skill in what appertains to my Office as a Lieut Militia Col: much less to Act in a military Capacity) Wherefore I think it my indispensable duty to resign the Command I have to such Abler person, as your body shall think proper to nominate and appoint And in Consequence thereof do hereby resign the same.

I am Sir Your most Obed^{t} Serv^{t}

JOHANNES D: BLAUVELT.

Commissary Henry to P. Van Cortlandt.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 341.]

Fish kills, 27th February 1777.

D^{r} Sir: This will be delivered you by Cap^{t} Platt, who can inform you of the necessity of observing the contents of my former Letters much better than I can pretend to do. I have being waiting with patience for your answer since the 20th Ins^{t} & re^{cd} none, which Surprizes me Very much, my authority being deriv'd from the Hb^{le} the Convention to act as Director, in the Cloathing department, for this State; unless proper attention be paid to Supply the acting person with Cash he will find it altogether impossible for him to do the business he at this time has undertaken. There is, I understand Several articles Stor'd at Kingston for the use of our Soldiery, Such as Shirts, Breeches, Stockings, & Shoes, all which, we stand in immediate need of, as there are New Recruits coming in, more or less every day. Therefore wou'd humbly beg you wou'd order all them articles, with Speed, to the Store, in this place, I do assure you nothing wou'd give me greater pleasure, than to have it in my power to render every Satisfaction possible both to the Convention & the Army, whom I am appointed to supply—In order for the better regulating of my books & stating my acc^{t} with regularity would wish to be furnish'd with the bills of parcels of all the goods, that may be brought into the Cloathing Store, so as the payments may pass thro' my hands, otherwise Shall never be able to State my accounts fairly.

I am D^{r} Sir, Your Very Humb^{le} Servt.

JOHN HENRY.

Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 586.]

Your Committee to whom it was referred to enquire and report the best ways and means for managing the Indian Affairs of this State have agreeable to order considered thereof; and beg leave to state the following Facts.

That the Colony of New York ever since it became an English Plantation hath maintained a strict alliance and connection with the Six nations whose territories are comprehended within its jurisdiction.

That Commissioners have for this purpose been uniformly appointed under the authority of its Legislature, and maintained at its Expence.

That Treaties from time to time have been concluded with these Nations, Forts erected, and trading houses established in the Country which they occupied at a vast expense to the Colony. That all contracts for the sale of the lands of the said Indians within the Jurisdiction of this State have been under the immediate Authority of the Governor and Council of New York, and all grants and confirmations thereof have passed under its great seal.

That by virtue of such purchases and grants, many of the Inhabitants of this State have so sated themselves that several of the principal settlements surround, and others extend beyond some of the Indian Castles and Villages; and that for the security and good Government of the Inhabitants thereof, counties have been established, Courts Instituted, and justice administered by the authority of the Legislature of the same Colony.

That since the late peace between Great Britain and France the King of Great Britain for the most arbitrary purposes which tho then concealed are now fully manifested, assumed the appointment of a Superintendent of Indian Affairs exclusive of the Legislature of New York. But nevertheless all purchases of Indian lands within its jurisdiction continued as usual to be made by the authority of the Governor and Council, and to be granted under the great seal of the said Colony.

That disputes have frequently happened and do now exist between the said Indians & other Inhabitants of this State concerning the Titles of land; an instance whereof is now before the Convention in which the Indians sue for Redress and jealousies and distrust of the Intentions of this State towards the said Indians are propogated by the disaffected.

That it is incumbent on Convention to appoint Commissioners to examine into these and other complaints and causes of disquiet, to detect Frauds, prevent impositions, defeat the malicious slanders of its insidious adversaries, and to preserve and maintain that good Correspondence and friendly Intercourse between the Indians and other inhabitants which from their proximity to each other is indispensable to their mutual happiness and the publick repose, and which will greatly conduce to the success of the common cause of the United States of America.

Upon these considerations your Committee submit the following Resolutions:

1st *Resolved*, That this Convention is loudly called by the strongest motives of Justice and Policy to provide ways and means for removing the complaints, quieting the minds, and preserving the Confidence and affection of the Indians inhabiting this State.

2nd *Resolved*, That for these salutary purposes Commissioners for the Indian Affairs of this State ought to be appointed.

3rd *Resolved*, That it shall be the Duty of such Commissioners to hold Treaties with the Indians inhabiting this State; to dispense the Publick Gifts and Presents of this State which shall be provided for their sustenance and Relief; to examine into their complaints; to represent their grievances to the Legislature; to point out the means of Redress; to correspond with their chiefs, sachems and Councils; to prevent trespasses and intrusions into their lands and possessions; as well as fraud and abuse in the Trade between them and the other Inhabitants; to take care that all Laws for regulating such trade be observed; to negotiate all contracts and sales for Indian lands which shall be authorized by the State, and consented to by the Indian proprietors in their Councils; to prevent and defeat purchases which may be attempted to be made clandestinely or without such authority and consent; to appoint and instruct suitable Agents and Messengers to be employed among the Indians at the Expence of the State; to recommend and enforce wise and salutary expedients for procuring the Friendship, Confidence and affections of the said Indians; releeving their necessities, and increasing and securing the Indian trade heretofore so beneficial to this State; and in general to superintend, manage and direct all Publick Business and concerns between them and this State.

[The above Committee was appointed Feb. 10, 1777. *Jour. N. Y. Prov. Cong.* I. 802.]

Account of Dan Collins.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 648.]

The State of New York to Dann Collins of Guilford Dr

To going from Sag Harbour to East Hampton with John Minor and Benjamin Pembleton of Connecticut & Abraham Loper a Soldier in Capt Davis' Company, and taking from Coll Gardiners House 130 fire Arms Bayonet Catuch Boxes & 3 Silver Headed Swords, and taking from Coll Mulfords 3 Casks of Powder & 2 Boxes of Lead all which we brought to Sag Harbour put on Board a Vessel Loaded at Sea Brook & Delivered to Coll Livingston Also my taking at another Time 3 Casks of Powder from the House of Maltby Gilston Esqr Southampton & bringing the same to Guilford which Powder is now in my Possession ——

The account as follows ——

To the hire of 4 Horses from Sag Harbour to East Hampton,	£0	16	0
To my Time, Extraordinary trouble & Expences taking s^{d} arms &^{c},	4	0	0
To John Minor for the same,	4	0	0
To Benj^{a} Pembleton for the same,	4	0	0
To Carting the Arms Powder & Ball from East Hampton to Sag Harbour,	0	16	0
To Carting the Powder from M^{r} Gelstons taking and Transporting to Guilford,	1	4	0
York Money,	£14	16	0

DAN COLLINS.

Petition on behalf of Peter Van Schaack and others.

[Petitions, 33: 454.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of the Subscribers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Albany, Humbly Sheweth,

That by a late order of the Committee for detecting Conspiracies &^{c} Mess^{rs} Cornelius Glen, John Stephenson and Peter Van Schaack have been sent to the Town of Boston to remain confined to the Limits of the said Town on Parole untill the further order of the Honorable Convention. Your Petitioners being personally acquainted with the Prisoners, know them to be of good characters. We do therefore think it our Duty both as Neighbours and Fellow citizens upon Principles of Humanity to them and their Families, to submit it to the wisdom of the Honorable Convention whether their residing on Parole at the Town of Boston can be more conducive to the public safety then remaining at home with their Families under the same Ties or such other restrictions, as the Honorable Convention may think proper, your Petitioners therefore pray that their case may be taken into consideration, and if the public safety will admit thereof that they may be recalled and permitted to stay at home with their Families under such Restrictions as to you in your wisdom shall seem expedient.

David Schuyler,
John Gansevoort,
Harme Gansevoort,
Seymon Johs veeder,
Martin G. Van Bergen,
Jn^{o} De Peyster,
Isaac Staats,
Barent Staats,
Gerardus Beekman,
Jacob C. Ten Eyck,
Abraham H. Wendell,
Abraham Dow,
John R. Bleecker,
John Cuyler,
B. Visscher,
Simon Veeder,
John Veeder,
Abm. Schuyler,
John H. Ten Eyck,
Gerret Staats,
Jan Wennen,
John V. Douw,
Joh^{s} Beeckman,
John Van Rensselaer,
John Witbeck,
Volckert Van Vechten,
Gerit C. Van Den Bergh,
Joachym Staats,
Philip Staats,
Nicholas Staats,
John Staats,
Cornlys his x mark Van Buren,
Benjamin his x mark Vandenberg,
Tobeyas his x mark Witbeck,
Hendrick Ostrander,
Jonathan Wetlock,
Frederick Mynderse,
Walter Carpenter,
Cornelyus a Huyck,
John Bayle,
Abraham VanValkenburgh,
John Van Valkenburgh,
Coen^{t} Ten Eyck,
Tunis A. Slingerland,
William Gray,
Ja^{s} Bloodgood,
Tho^{s} Shipboy,
John Cuyler, Ju^{r}
Cornel^{s} Cuyler,
Tobyas Ten Eyck,
John Sanders,
Garret A. Lansingh,
Sam^{l} Gilford,
Joseph Yates,
John Van Vorst.
Zeger Van Santvoord,
Johannes H. Veeder,
Isaack Sackswits,
Daniel D. Graaf,
Elias Post,
Cornelius Vrooman,
John Stevens,
Jn^{o} Van Vriesen,
Andries Van petten, Junior.
Thomas Brower Banker,
Jacob S. Vrooman,

Direck Roseboom,
W. Mancius,
Barent Ten Eyck,
John Cluet, Junr
Thos Hun,
Gerrit Witbeck,
Garrit Roseboom,
Nanning Harmense Visscher,
Barent H. Ten Eyck
Peter Gansvoort,
Bar Roseboom,
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Jacob x Vielen,
mark
Barent I. Staats,
Adam Wennen,
Conelius Van Wie,
Cornl Van Santvoord, Jur
Peter Van Wie,
Abram Van Wie,
Gerit Van Wie,
John Van Wie,
Abraham Slingerland,
Aront Marselis,
Cornelius V. D. Volger,
Abraham Van Vort,
Fradrick Clut,
John F. Clut,
Garret Van Schayeck,
Adam S. Vrooman,
Takerves Vanderbogert,
Niclas Vandebogert,
Jacobus Mynderse.

Report of the Committee on Letter from Bedford.

[Miscel. Pap. 39 : 323.]

Your Committee to whom was referred a Letter of the Committee of Bedford in Westchester County and also Sundry Resolutions entered into by the Said Committee — have considered the several matters contained therein which your Committee beg leave to State in their Order and thereupon your Committee's Opinion—Nevertheless humbly submitted.

As to the Requisition contained in the said Letter may be reduced to the following two points:

1st That a Company of Raingers has been raised by Capt Hezekiah Gray upon the Verbal Order of Colo Drake and that doubts have arisen whether the said Company are Entitled to pay, &c

2nd That a Resolution lately issued by the Committee of Safety requiring all the Inhabitants in Westchester County to take an Oath of Fidelity to the State had Expired &c.

With respect to the Company raised by Hezekiah Gray—Your Committee are of Opinion that the said company can only be considered as a part of the Militia out on duty and that they ought to be allowed pay & Rations for the Time they have been in actual Service.

As to the Expiration of the late Resolution prescribing an Oath or Affirmation to the Inhabitants of the County of Westchester, your Committee are of Opinion that it will have a good effect to have the same continued to some further Day.

With respect to the several Resolutions entered into by the said Committee of Bedford (to wit) That of a Bastard Child, That of Collecting the Excise on Strong Liquors and that of appointing or Restricting Tavern Keepers—all which are convincing proves to your Committee the necessity of forming the Constitution for the Government of this State.

Report of Committee on the Petition from Bedford.

[Miscel. Pap. 39 : 325.]

Your Committee to whom was Referred a Letter from the Committee of Bedford in West Chester County Dated — Day of — beg leave to Report that they Consider it Reasonable the Company Raised in said County under Captain Hezekiah Gray should be considered as part of the Militia and are Intitled to Pay & Subsistence (Genl Scott dissents) equal with the other parts of the Militia that were last called into service, for the time they have actually been in service.

Your Committee further Report that they are informed that Capt. Gray is willing to Join the Continental Troops in Westchester County or the Troops under Genl Geo Clinton—thereon your Committee beg Leave to Report the following Resolution.

Resolved that Capt. Hezekiah Gray with his Company of non-Commissioned officers & privates with Commissioned & non-Commissioned officers in proportion

of one Capt., 2 Lieuts., an Ensign & Eight non-Commissioned officers to the 75 privates, Join the Continental Troops in West Chester County and be under the direction & Command of the Commanding officer at Peekskill until the 31 day of March next unless Genl Geo. Clinton shall sooner call for that company to join the troops under his com[d] provided always that if Capt. Gray do not within eight days join the said Continental Troops with at least 40 privates of his company, that he be not taken into the service.

Your Committee further Report it as their Opinion that it will have good Effect to allow a further Time for the Inhabitants of West Chester County to Take the Oath or Affirmation to this State Required of them by the Resolutions passed on the 25[th] Day of Dec[r] last, therefore submit to the Committee of Safety the following Resolution.

Whereas this Committee of Safety are Informed that many of the Inhabitants of West Chester County did not Receive timely Notice of the order of this Committee of Safety passed on the 25 Day of Dec[r] last Requiring the s[d] Inhabitants to take an Oath (or affirmation) of Fidelity to this State untill the time allowed for that Purpose expired; and this Committee being wiling to give every opportunity Necessary to the good People of s[d] County to comply with the said Requisition, therefore

Resolved that the Inhabitants of West Chester County be allowed the further Time of thirty Days to Take the Oath or affirmation Required by the Resolutions of the Committee of Safety passed on 25[th] Day of Dec[r] last.

Resolved that the Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the County Committee of the County of West Chester & the field officers & Captains of the Militia in the said County of West Chester do return to the Convention or Legislature of this State with all possible Dispatch after the Expiration of thirty Days from the Date hereof Lists of the Names of all persons within the Districts in the Said County who shall have neglected or refused to take the said oath or affirmation.

Ordered that the Secretary transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the Chairman of the County Committee of West Chester who is also Required to give the Inhabitants of s[d] County Proper & immediate Notice of the Same.

Report of a Committee to prevent the Depreciation of the Continental Money.

[Miscel. Pap. 39 : 333.]

[Feb. 1777.]

Your Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of Ways and Means to prevent the Depreciation of the Continental and State Currency, and to prevent Extortion in furnishing Supplies to the American Army, beg leave to report

That as money is the Representative sign of all that Property of a State which is in the Circle of Commerce the several articles of which Property will, generally speaking, bear the same Relation to the respective Prices of the Same which the whole Property to be transferred does to the whole Quantum of Circulating Specie, wherefore, when ever the Circulating medium is too great it will suffer of necessity a consequent Depreciation.

That as money is the Medium of Commerce it will always most abound, and be most necessary in a Commercial State, and where there is much money and little trade it will always be of trifling value, and

That whenever a State issues a Paper Representative of Specie it will loose of its Value in Proportion as the People loose their Confidence in the Government, and Rise in Proportion to their opinion of the Vigor and stability of such Government to obtain which opinion, nothing is more necessary than Wisdom in the Legislature, and a steady, severe, and impartial Execution of the Laws by the Persons appointed for that Purpose,

From whence your Committee do deduce the following Causes of the Deprecia-

tion complained of, first, the Quantity of money; secondly, the want of Commerce, and thirdly, the fluctuating state of our political affairs.

For Remedy of the Evil therefore as to the first Cause they do propose,

First, To lay a very considerable tax and for that Purpose immediately to order the several Counties to chuse Supervisors, Assessors & Collectors.

Secondly, To pass a Resolve ordering the Payment of all monies due to the Loan office, and to encourage the Receipt of the whole Sum formerly lent.

Thirdly, To pass a Resolution that all Persons within the State owing money to Persons out of the Same shall have Liberty to pay the same into the Treasury, and that the Treasurers Receipt shall be a full Discharge of such Debt and the State account hereafter to the Creditors for the Sums respectively received.

Fourthly, To institute a Lottery of 100,000 Tickets at three Dollars each, with a Deduction of 50,000 Dollars to be invested in the Purchase of 500 Tickets in the Lottery of the United States, and

Fifthly, To appoint two proper Persons within this State to receive money on Loan on account of the Continent.

For Remedy of the Evil as to the second Cause, namely, the want of Commerce, your Committee can only observe that every Restraint on Trade should be removed excepting a Tax upon the Consumption of those Articles which are unnecessary or pernicious. And

As the third Cause, namely, the fluctuating state of our political affairs, your Committee do propose as the most adequate Remedy to institute as soon as possible a Form of Government for this State, to organize the same, and tender an Oath of allegiance to the Inhabitants.

In order to prevent Extortion in supplying the Continental Army, your Committee do propose:

1. To cause with the assistance of the several County Committees an Exact account to be made of the Grain now in the Possession of every Individual, the Quantity necessary for the use of every Family, and the Contracts made for the sale thereof, or any Part thereof.

2. To compel those Engrossers who have purchased considerable Quantities of the same, to sell to the Quarter Masters and Commissaries at a certain limited Price. And

3. To publish the Resolution of Congress impowering Gen[l] Washington to take for the Army such things as they may want.

Orders to Capt. Elijah Hunter.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 237.]

Sir: You are Desired to call on the Secretary of y[e] Convention for the following Resolves viz one Respecting Engrosers of Grain and other provisions.

One forbiding any to Be Purchased by those who have not taken the oath of Eliegenee to this State.

One Respecting the Tendery of Money & the Refusal and all other things Relative thereto.

The Last Resolve Relative to the Poor from the Citty of New York now in westchester County.

A Resolve Relative to Goods taken What shall Be Deemed a Prise to those who take them.

One Respecting Payment of Monies to those who are in the Enemies Lines.

And any other Resolve that may Be of Servis to the Committee of Westchester County.

Petition of Prisoners.

[Petitions, 33: 449.]

To the Convention.

GENTLEMEN: we wright to Let you now that we ar all out of Prevising and Likwise wood and cant get any and we hope Gentlemen that you will have some compastion on your Pore Prisoners. Gentlemen,

Benjamin Smith,	Solomon comes,	John Flewelling,
John Mufat,	Robert Denton,	James Flewelling,
David Wiyatt,	Abraham Smith,	Benjamin Darbay,
Elthanan fostar,	Stephen Wood,	William M. Dearmut.

Call of the House.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 535.]

[March, 1777.]

Whereas this Convention did on the 14th Day of Septr [1776] enter into a Resolution in the words following vizt

Whereas the present critical situation of this state & the important objects the Convention have in view render it necessary that the good people of this state should be fully & constantly represented in this Convention.

Resolved therefore that all the Members of this Convention do forthwith & at all times during the session thereof regularly give their attendance at it Except such of the Members as now are or hereafter may be absent by order of the Convention.

Which Resolution was transmitted by the Secretaries of this House to the Deputies of the different Counties.

And whereas many of the said Deputies have contumaciously neglected to obey the above order or to transmitt to this House a sufficient Excuse for their non attendence.

Ordered Peremptorily that all the Deputies from the Different Counties in this state do attend forthwith on the Business of this House or that they shew Cause for their Non attendence on pain of having their Names transmitted to their respective Counties as Deserters of the Cause of this oppressed and Invaded Country.

SIR: I am Directed by Convention to acquaint you that the 12th of this month is appointed for the Committee to Report on the form of Government—You are therefore Ordered peremptorily to attend forthwith on pain of haveing your name transmitted to your County Committee as a Deserter of the Cause of this oppressed and Invaded Country. Or to transmit a sufficient excuse for your non-attendance.

Manumission of a Tory's Slave

[N. Y. Coll. MSS. CI.: 146.]

Whereas John Fowler of Stockbridge has Absconded and Joined the British Army and by that Means his Estate is Fallen into our Hand,

And whereas the said John Did Formerly Purchase a Negro man named Peter Mansfield of one Gideon Smith as appears by a Bill of Sale Given by said Gideon To said John, and whereas it has been made appear To our full satisfaction that the said John Did Covenant & agree with sd Peter that he should have his Liberty & Freedom in Tw[enty] years from the Date of said Bill of Sale—We Therefore consent that said Peter now be Liberated from any Further servitude and Desire he may be Let To pass & Repass wherever he Desires about his own Business, Provided he Behaves himself well.

TIMY EDWARDS,
SAM BROWN Jun.,
ELNATHAN CARTER.
} *Com'te of Stockbridge.*

STOCKBRIDGE, March 1, 1777.

Petition of Commissioners of Ulster County.

[Petitions, 33: 244.]

The Petition of the Commissioners for Ulster County to the Honourable the Convention of the State of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas in the execution of their office such difficulties seem to arise as render it almost impracticable for them to execute with faithfulness the trust reposed in them 1st from their not knowing certainly who have deserted to the enemy, and 2d where the goods and Effects of such persons are lodged.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Convention would be pleased to direct the Committees of the different precincts Immediately to take an Inventory of the Personal Property of those within their Districts who have gone over to the Enemy, as also that the Commissioners upon Requesting be furnished with a copy of such Inventory and other knowledge as the different Committees may be possess'd of Relative to those persons specify[d] above and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray,

JOHANNES SLEGHT,
PATRICK BARBER.

[March 1, 1777.]

Petition of Nathaniel Platt.

[Petitions, 33: 278.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

The Memorial of Nathaniel Platt, Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialist was last summer appointed agreeable to a Resolution of this Honorable House by the Committee of the County of Suffolk to the Command of a Company in the Regiment whereof Josiah Smith was Colonel, raised for the immediate Defence of Long Island.

That your Memorialist after the Company aforesaid was formed supplied many of them with Guns, Bayonets, accoutrements, clothing and other things necessary for the Campaign, and also paid for the subsistence of Part of them while on Long Island, the whole being more in fact than the amount of their wages.

That shortly before the Enemy landed on the Island aforesaid your Memorialist received orders from the Colonel aforesaid to march to Brooklyn to join the Army in that Quarter, that your Memorialist communicated these orders to his men and expected they would have been obeyed. But your Memorialist to his great Concern found when he came to Execute them that the men refused to march unless they received the remaining Part of the Bounty, allowed them by this Honorable House at the Time of Inlistment.

That your Memorialist conceiving it absolutely necessary for the Good of the Service to proceed to Brooklin with his Company aforesaid without Delay, advanced five Dollars to each man, being the Remainder of the Bounty aforesaid that was still due.

That your Memorialist finds it impracticable to get the monies he has so advanced returned him by the men aforesaid as a great number of them are now on Long Island, by which means your Memorialist must sustain considerable Loss.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly refers his case to the consideration of this Honorable House not doubting as he acted from the purest motives of Regard to his Country that this Honorable House will grant him ample Redress.

NATH[L] PLATT.

March 3, 1777.

Petition of John Cooper.

[Petitions, 33: 586.]

To the Hon^ble the Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of John Cooper, Humbly Sheweth,

That whereas there is an ancient patent of Lands lying & being at Kinderhook in the County of Albany, which patent was granted by Richard Nicolls Esq^r on the fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and sixty seven to Captain John Baker and Jacob Jansen Flodder, and whereas your Petitioner has the sole right and property of the said Lands vested in him and his heirs by virtue of a conveyance and power of Attorney which he has honestly obtained from the heir at Law, and as your petitioner can now prove the boundaries of the said lands by several ancient persons—whose decease might hereafter cause him to Loose his right thereto, and be of very great damage to him and his family, if such decease should happen before the said proof could be made. These are therefore praying your Honourable House to appoint some proper person or persons to examine the said ancient evidences that the same may be recorded and your petitioner freed from the great risque of losing the benefit arising therefrom in any future Court of Justice, Either of Law or Equity, and for the prosperity of the Convention of the State your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

Fishkill, March 4^th 1777. JOH: COOPER.

Petition of William Wood.

[Petitions, 33: 598.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The Petition of William Wood of Ulster County, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner has already taken the oath of allegiance to the States before the Committee of Kingston and since that he has been taken and Committed to Kingston Goal and there kept in close confinement, For some Reasons unknown to him. Your Petitioner begs that this Honourable Convention would be pleased to cause Enquiry to be made in the premises so that he might be Enlarged or Discharged from his confinement and your Petitioner will ever pray for your welfare.

March y^e 7^th 1777. WILLIAM WOOD.

Bond of Josiah Lockwood.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 485.]

Know all men by these presents that we Josiah Lockwood and Uriah Drake of the precinct of New Marborough in the County of Ulster in the State of New York am held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the Just and full sum of Three hundred pounds Current Money of the State of New York to be paid unto the said States or to such Person or Persons as shall be hereafter Nominated to Receive such fines and penalties which payment well and Truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves Respectively and Each of our heirs Ex^rs & Adm^rs Jointly and Severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seal and Dated this seventh Day of March 1777.

The Conditions of this obligation is such that if the above Bounden Josiah Lockwood do personally apear before a General Court Martial to sit at the Paltz in the said County of Ulster on the fourth Day of April next there to Remain untill Legally discharged by said Court then this obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

JOSIAH LOCKWOOD
URIAH DRAKE.

Sealed & Delivered in presence of
John Hathorn,
Elizabeth Hathorn.

Appointment of Ensign Horton.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 501.]

ORANGE COUNTY, March 18th 1777.

Barnabas Horton was unanemussly chosen Ensign in Capt Thomas Hortons Company in Collr Jessee Woodhulls Rigement under the Inspectiong of Israel Seely & Elihu Marvin, two of the members of Committee. I Desire a Commission may be sent by Mr Nathanael Seely, to oblige your Humc Servt

ELIHU MARVIN,
Chairman of the Committee of Cornwell Precinct.

To the Committee of Safety at Kingston.

Petition of the Owners of the Brigantine Janet.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 499.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York.

The memorial of William Malcom on behalf of himself & the other owners of the Brigantine called the Janet, Humbly Sheweth,

That your memorialist and the other owners of the Brigantine sent her up the Hudson River to prevent her falling in to the hands of the Enemy. That by order of the Convention she together with her appurtenances was taken and sunk in the line of obstructions opposite Fort Washington.

That your Memorialist is informed that the said Vessel was valued by appraisers appointed by the Convention for only between £7 & £800.

That your Memorialist did offer to purchase from the other owners at the rate of £1200, and that £1250 was offered by several Persons for the said Brigantine before she left York.

That the cost and outfitt of this Vessel only about Twelve months before was near £2000. The Proprietors therefore humbly conceive that in Justice & Equity they ought to be paid at least what they were repeatedly offered for the Vessel in York. And therefore request the Honorable Convention will take the premises into consideration, and grant them relief in such way as is consistent with Justice and your Memorialist shall ever pray,

W. MALCOM,
In behalf of self & owners.

KINGTSON, March 8, 1777.

Committed to Capt. Rutgers and Major Lawrence.

Petition of James Robinson.

[Petitions, 33: 584.]

May It please your Hon & the Honble House, Whereas your Petr Did on the Eighteen of Jany Last Petision to have the Benefit of his Excely Genl Washington's proctn Bearing date Jany 25. I your Distressed petir Beggs that you'l consider my distress, as I have Ben a prisoner this four months and Every Moment of the time in cold Iron, which gentn in my way of thinking it is against the Laws of God to punish the Inocence. Your Honrs faith & well wisher,

JAS ROBINSON.

March 10th 1777.

John Harper to the Conventio.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 399.]

Cherryvaley March 10th 1777.

Gentell men: I take this opertunity to aquaint you of my proceedings Sins I left the fishkill after my arivell at Harpers field which was on the sevententh of febir[y] last and then the Report of Joseph brant with a Considrabell Number of warers with him had an intention to Beset the frunteers I thought it proper to give the Captings of the Sevrell Companeys under my Comand privet orders to be in Redyness at the shortest notice given by me in order to apose the afore Said brant and partey as I Resolved to go with a inden and one white man to onehohguago in order to Discover the motion of the Enemy for which purpose I Set out on the ninteenth of feberwary and arrived in onehohquago on the twenty seventh when I found that the Reports ware not well grounded I theirfor on order to present your letter of the 12th of feberwary to them in the most frendly maner killed an ox for to make a frindly intertainement wheeh had the Desered efect for those that Semed to Scrupell the Sincerity of our Declaration of friendship Before thin were prevailed on to think that our Actions corasponded with our profesion they Expressed their Sorow for our trobells and Declaird that they would take no active part against us their needsesaties has caused many of them to go to Nigary but with no other vews then to traed for the nesaeary of life and informs that Colonell Butler has forbid them to hurt the frunteers they likewise informed that Joseph Brant has returned from the onida Castell to Nigary that he has aimind to setell at the onondago Castell they like wise informed that brant Difred with Gy Johnson and was going to kill him had he not ben prevented whether this was the Caus of his leving the Armey I Canot tell I saw the indens that left onihohquago with brant as they were Returning and they Exactly Corospond with the above acount which is all at presant that I can aquaint you of Relative To Brant and partey and Conclude Gentell men Your very Humbell servents JOHN HARPER.

P. S. Gentellmen I send you an accoumpt of the Expences of my Jurney and the Cost of the ox with some other small presants which I hope will meet with your aprobation. JOHN HARPER.

To the Honorable Members of Convention at Kingston.

Petition of Persons Employed in Obstructing the Hudson River.

[Petitions, 33: 590.]

To Brig Gen[l] George Clinton Esq[r]

Sir: We whose names are under written have for sometime been Employ[d] in Drawing Timber for the obstructing of the Navigation of Hudson or the North River and have not as yet Rec[d] any Reward at this Expensive season of the year and what is more we are told that our Reward will not be adequate. This Petition sheweth that we cannot at this season of the year send a good yoke of Oxen or two good horses with a Driver to each pair for less then two Dollars Each pair and one Driver and three Dollars for two yoke and one Driver unless the keeping could be had at a cheaper Rate then Eight shillings per Bushel for Indian Corn and Eight shillings per hundred for Hay for one yoke of Oxen for Twenty four hours Requires one half Bushel of Corn, and one half hundred of Hay, and as we are willing to do every thing in our power to promote the Publick good and at the same time should be willing to do ourselves and families justice, we conclude we cannot work under the above Rate therefore request that our wages may not be at a lower rate than above and also that those of us that Require it may have our wages paid weekly. Your compliance Sir with the above will very much oblige your most Humb Serv[ts]

Andrew Southerland,	Andrew Sherwood,	John Mandevill,
David Southerland,	Joseph Smith,	Joseph Canfield,
Jacob Mandevill,	Daniel Adams,	Alexander Southerland,

Daniel Sherwood,
Henry Mandevill,
Stephen Deet,
Reuben Clark,
March 11th 1777.

Zachariah Mills,
Jer^{h} Clark,
Obadiah Smith,
Simon Rumsey,

Sarah Mackdane,
Elijah Carfield,
Amos Mills.

Petition of John Griffiths

[Petitions, 33: 592.]

To the Honb^{le} the Convention of the State of New York.

May it please your Honours, Seeing that Difficulties have arisen in settling the Demands on the late Samuel Patrick's Estate, if they may be obviated & your Honours see it adviseable, I have no objection in the appointment of George Leonard as administrator to the said Estate & am

Your Honours most Hbl^{e} Serv^{t}

March 12th 1777. JOHN GRIFFITHS.

Petition of George Leonard.

[Petitions, 33: 578.]

To the Honb^{le} Convention of the State of New York.

The Humble Petition of George Leonard.

May it please your Honours

Whereas by a Resolve of your Honours the money arising from the Hon^{bl} Genl Schuyler for Stores was appointed to be paid the Executor of the late Sam^{l} Patrick deceased, but he having died Intestate & your Petitioner having since been appointed administrator, he humbly requests that the word administrator be substituted instead of Executor that the money be thereby paid in manner as therein resolved, And your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray for your Honours wellfare & is your Hon^{rs} Hb^{le} Petitioner

& most obed^{t} Serv^{t}

March 13th 1777. GEORGE LEONARD.

In Convention of the Representatives of the State of New York,
Kingston, March 12th 1777.

Whereas this Convention did by a Resolution of the 11th instant appoint M^{rs} Rebecca Patrick and George Leonard Administratrix and Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Patrick deceased on their giving Bond to the President of this Convention in the sum of £4000 together with Joshua H. Smith and Robert Boyd Esq^{rs} bound as sureties therein and conditioned for the faithful administration of the said Estate and taking the usual oath of Administrators before the said President, And whereas it is represented to this Convention that from the indisposition and distant abode of the said Rebecca Patrick her attendance on the President of the Convention will be attended with extreme difficulties, Therefore

Resolved that so much of the said Resolution as relates to her taking the said oath before the said President be dispensed with and that she take the said oath of administratrix before Elihu Marvin Esq^{r} Chairman of the Committee of Orange County who is hereby empowered to administer the same.

Extract from the minutes

ROBERT BENSON, *Sec^{y}*

Petition of John Griffith and Robert Boyd.

[Petitions, 33: 546; Miscel. Pap. 37: 505.]

To the Honb^le^ Convention of the State of New York.

The Humble Petition of John Griffiths & Rob^t^ Boyd Jun^r^

May it please your Honors, As Forest of Dean Furnace is the only one in the State that can with convenience supply the Publick, your Petitioners will put the same into Blast and use their Endeavours to make whatever castings they may be able to cast there, on the same Terms that other Furnaces shall or will at the time of Delivery, provided they may obtain an exemption for Forty men for the space of seven months from military Duty, an order to be supplied with a quarter Cask of Gunpowder, one hundred Bbls of Flour four Hundred Bushels of Bran, Twenty Bbls of Pork, Two Hhd^s^ Melassus, one Hh^d^ of New York Rum, Four Hundred Yards of Tow Cloth & one hundred pair of Men's Shoes, & your Petitioners will ever pray for the prosperity of the State, and are

Hon'd Sirs Your most hbl^e^ Servt^s^

JOHN GRIFFITHS,
ROB^T^ BOYD, Jun^r^

KINGSTON, 13^th^ March 1777.

Report.

Your Committee appointed to confer with M^r^ Robert Boyd & M^r^ John Griffith relating the Hire of the Furnace of the Forrest of Dean, do report

That M^r^ Griffiths informs them that the lease by which M^r^ Patricks held the Furnace Expires about the last of October next, so that one blast only can be performed during the lease, but thinks it may still be continued in the Public service if found necessary, he also informs that the said M^r^ Patrick died intestate.

Your Committee have also carefully Exam^d^ the Estimate of the sundry articles &c., as per inventory and having taken the advise of M^r^ Griffiths are of the opinion that the Prices annexed to the several articles is their true value, Except the Water wheel, which your Committee thinks ought to be considered as part of the building.

Mr. Griffiths further informs your Committee that he is of opinion the metal is good for Castings of all kinds, and that Two swivels were tried in N. York and proved good, of which a certificate was obtained. Mr. Boyd is of the same opinion M^r^ Griffiths is further of opinion that if the House should determine to try this Blast, it must be begun without delay, as the season for cutting wood and other necessary preparations will soon be past.

Your Committee applied to M^r^ Griffiths to superintend the said Blast, if the House should determine to prosecute it, but he declined it by reason of the unhealthy situation and his inexperience in Casting, and recommended M^r^ Robert Boyd as a proper person for that business all which is humbly submitted.

CHRIST^R^ TAPPEN,
W^M^ DENNING.

March 10, 1777.

Letter to the Committee of ——— County.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 225.]

GENTLEMEN: I Recei'd yours of the 2^nd^ Instant Inclosing some Important Information Respecting the Conspiracy adjutated by the tories against the measures pursuing by the United States, as also the commitment of Sundries persons, and on Laying the Same before the Convention, was Directed to write to you not to Release *Julius Smith*, one of the prisoners mentioned in yours, Untill farther Orders from this or some future Convention or Assembly of this State.

As to the others confined, or any others you may think it absolutely necessary to confine on account of their Inimicable principles, the practice of other Counties is to commit, fine and take Bonds for their good behavour and appearance whenever Called upon, which Example we think you may very safely follow.

Petition of Shipwrights and Joiners.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 245.]

To the Honorable the Convention of the State of New York.

We the Subscribers for ourselves and in behalf of the other Ship wrights, Ship joyners and Others, lately employed on the Ship Congress, beg leave to represent that your Honorable House were Pleased to Resolve on the 20th Day of December last, that the Superintendant of said Ship, Capt. Augustine Lawrence, be Desired to Pay the People Belonging to said Ship for the Nights work in which they were imployed bringing said Ships from Poughkeepsie into Esopus Creek. Also that the said People working on board the said ship should in future be allowed one ration and a half per day Continental Allowance — neither of which Resolutions have been complyed with, as the said Ship Carpenters and Ship Joyners are by Order of Your Honorable House about to quit the said Ship and go to the Northward in Public service, we humbly pray your Honourable House will Oppoint some Person to settle and Pay the said wages and allowances of rations agreeable to the resolutions, as your Petitioners have Famelise to Leave behind who want the Fruits of all Our Industry to Support theirs, and your Petitioners will ever Pray,

STEPHEN SEAMAN,
PLATT TITUS.

March 15, 1777.

General Gates to Major George Nicholson.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 507.]

Esopus, March 16th 1777.

Sir: You will procure three waggons at Esopus in order to transport the Cadet Company under your Command to Albany, by order

Major General Gates,
WALTER STEWART, A. D. C.

To Major Geo Nicholson.

Petition of Moses Knap.

[Petitions, 33: 580.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York In Convention Assembled.

The Petition of Moses Knap of Ulster County and State of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That yr petitioner is at present in close confinement in the common Goal at Kingston And hath been for some time, And was taken in West Chester County and made prisoner of warr. That yr petitioner Listed in the service of the British King about a year ago, some considerable time Before Independentcy was proclaimed throughout the States. That at the time yr petitioner Listed in the Service of the British King he unfortunately got into bad company and through their persuasions, and the Instigation of the Evil one was Led and Drawn away to Enter into the British service. That yr petitioner is Deeply sensible And penitentially acknowledges he has been Guilty of doing that which he ought not to have Done, and too Late saw the Error of his ways. That yr petitioner is of nothing more Desirous than of Becoming a subject of the States, And would by no means could he acquire itt Chuse to Return to the British Camp. That yr petitioner is Ready and willing to take the oaths of Allegiance and conform to any propositions that may be Demanded or Required by this Honourable Convention in order for the same. That yr petitioner is well known in Kingston by Numbers of Reputable Gentlemen and always Bore a good and Creditable character before this mishap, which if this Honourable House thinks proper, Enquiry can Be made in the same. That yr petitioner has a son who is at present in the service of this State. That yr petitioner was wounded at the time he was taken, and is at present in a truly Deplorable condition By Reason of the

Fever falling down in his Leg and is in a melancholy situation to the Great Grief as well as Distress of y^r^ petitioner. Y^r^ petitioner therefore most humbly prays and Implores that this Honourable Convention would be favourably pleased and mercifully Disposed to take the premises under their most serious consideration, so as that a sinner who Returns from the Error of his ways may be Relieved from his confinement or such other Relief as to this Honourable House shall seem meet. And y^r^ petitioner shall ever pray,

KINGSTON GOAL, March 17^th^ 1777. MOSES KNAP.

Petition of Moses and Samuel Knap.

[Petitions, 33: 600.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention Assembled.

The Petition of Moses Knap of Ulster County and State of New York Humbly Sheweth,

That y^r^ petitioner is at present and hath been for some time in Close confinement in the Common Goal of Kingston and was Taken in West Chester County and made Prisoner That y^r^ petitioner Listed in the Service of the British King about a year ago a considerable time Before Independentcy was Declared throughout the States.

That at the time y^r^ petitioner Listed in the service of the British King, he unfortunately fell into Bad Company, and through their persuasions, And the instigations of the Evil one was Led and Drawn away to Enter into their service. That y^r^ petitioner is Deeply sensible, And with a contrite and penitential heart humbly acknowledges that he has been Guilty of Doing that which he ought not to have Done, And too Late saw the Error of his ways. That y^r^ petitioner was Examined at the Fish Kills under oath and Informed them the whole of what happened from the time of his Inlistment That y^r^ petitioner is of nothing more Desirous than of Becoming a subject of the State and humbly hopes he may be permitted to take the oaths of allegiance as he would by no means Chuse (Could he acquire it) Return to the British Camp. That y^r^ petitioner is Ready and willing not only to take the oaths of allegiance but to conform to any propositions that be Demanded by this Honourable Convention, In order for the same. That y^r^ petitioner is well known in Kingston by Numbers of reputable Gentlemen and always bore a Good and Creditable charactor Before this mishap which if this Honourable House thinks proper Enquiring can be made in the same. That y^r^ petitioner has at present a son in the service of this State. That at the time y^r^ petitioner was taken he was wounded and is at present in a deplorable and pitiable condition, by Reason of the Fever falling Down into his Leg, to the Great Grief as well as Distress of y^r^ petitioner. Y^r^ petitioner therefore onee more presumes to offer, and with the greatest contrition Humbly prays and Implores That this Honourable Convention would be favourably pleased and mercifully Disposed to take the premises under their most serious consideration so as that a Sinner who returns from the Error of his ways may be heard and Relieved from his confinement or such other Relief as to this Honourable Convention shall seem meet. And y^r^ petitioner shall ever pray.

KINGSTON GOAL, March 19^th^ 1777. MOSES KNAP.

Petition of Samuel Knap.

ORINGE COUNTY, GOSHOWN March 19^th^ y^e^ 1777.

Gentlemen of the Convention of the State of New York,

The Petition of Samual Knap. I Now behold myself Desprate and forlorn haveing offended God and my Country yet hoping for marcy from God Dne pray that you Gentlemen who in the most perticular manner hold the sword of

jestes will of your clemency Pardon the life of your offender and save a wretch how will Demean himself for the futer as a good inhabitent and faithfull frind to his Countery and Forever pray that God may Bless and prosper the Ennighted States of Amareca. SAM[EL] KNAP.

Information against Colonel John Van Allen.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 742.]

In Committee, Claverack District, March 21[st] 1777.

An Information being lodged against John Van Allen Lieu[t] Col[l] in the Eight Regiment of Militia for the County of Albany and one of the members of this Committee that his late Behaviour had been such as to give Just grounds to suspect that his Sentiments were not altogether Friendly to the Liberties of America, Whereupon a Meeting of the Committee of this District was Ordered to be held this day, to take said Information into Consideration & to proceed to Examine such Evidences as shall be offered on the subject in Consequence of which nine members appeared for that purpose.

Ordered that the Examination of the Evidence in the Case of Col[o] Van Allen, be forthwith proceeded upon, and that he be requested to be present, & he attended accordingly.

Gerrit Herdick being duly sworn upon his Examination Saith, that about 2 or 3 weeks ago Col[o] John Van Allen, Aaron Van Derkar & John Herdick, were at the deponents House, that John Herdick Observed that he had heard Cornelius Clapper was gone to New York, Col[o] Van Allen answered he had heard so, from the Girl (meaning Cloppers daughter) upon which the deponents wife Said, There are now many that are disposed to Turn their Coats, or change Sides and Leave the Poor Congress to loose their Heads—That Van Allen answered thereupon that he did not care how many or what became of it, if we conld but have peace, & said is that not better than that so many Thousands must die? furthur said there were people that would Lay their Heads upon a Block if we could but have peace; That he always formerly found & Looked upon Col[o] Van Allen to be a friend to his country, that he was much surprised to hear such Expressions from him.

John Herdick being Sworn Saith that being at the House of Garret Herdick some time ago he saw Col[o] Van Allen there, that observing to him that he had heard that Cornelius Clapper was gone to the Enemy Received for answer, he did not know. that thereupon the wife of Garret Hardick lamented the Situation of the Congress and said they would perhaps yet be obliged to flee, or loose their Heads, thro' such men, That Col[o] Van Allen answered, I dont care a Donder or Hagel, abont it, if we could but have peace; otherwise it would yet perhaps cost the lives of Thousands.

William Herdick being Sworn upon his Examination Saith, that coming at the house of Gerrit Herdick, he found Col[o] Van Allen with others there, that he Heard his Aunt Maritje Herdick observe that the Poor Congress, (or words of that sort,) were exposed to loose or that it would come upon their Heads if the Enemy overcame, That Col[o] Van Allen answered thereupon he did not care what became of it, if we could but have peace.

Resolved that the Consideration of the above matter be postponed until Tomorrow.

In Committee March 23[d] present Nine Members.

The Committee having duly considered the foregoing proofs, and other Circumstances that have been offered & that have appeared against said Van Allen Do

Resolve, That Copy of the proofs taken before this Board be Transmitted to Convention, for their determination, & that Col[o] Van Allen be served with a Copy of this Resolution & that he be Cited to appear before Convention on Thursday next the 27[th] Instant, for that purpose.

Extract from the Minutes,

PETER CANTINE, Ju[r]

Convention to Gen. Washington.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 576.]

Sir: I am directed by convention to inform Your Excelency that agreeable to your Request they have advance part of the Bounty for the 1st 2d 3d 4th & 5ta Battallion raising in this state copies of the Receipts from the Colonels for the several advances I have the honor to enclose. We do not wish to incumber the honl Congress with any account on this subject & therefore beg your Excellency will give such orders to the paymaster General that this state may be reimbursed. I have the Honor to be Sir Your most obt humble sert

Kingston, March 22nd 1777.

His Excellency General Washington.

Proceedings of the Committee on Conspiracies.

[Miscel. Pap. 35: 207.]

Connors Tavern, Fishkill, Tuesday November the 19th 1776.

Present: William Duer, Chairman. Nathaniel Sackett,
John Jay, Esq., Coll De Witt.

Whereas a number of Persons principal Inhabitants of this State who for some time afected a Neutrality of Conduct in the Present Contest have lately joined the Enemy's Army & have been privy to aiding or assisting in their wicked conspiracies against the libertys of the United States in violation of the sacred engagements which many of them had enterd into to observe a peaceable & inoffensive conduct.

And whereas it appears unquestionably to this committe that many companies of men in different counties of this state have actually enlisted in the Enemys Service many of which persons are intimately connected with or dependent on persons of suspicious or equivocal characters And whereas this state is at present invaded with a powerful army who have already penetrated into the County of Westchester and whose ships of War occupy the navigation of Hudsons River. Inasmuch therefore as it is reasonable to suppose that many persons who affect a similar neutrality of principal only wait an oppertunity of persuing a similar Conduct with those who have at length thrown off the mask and taken an active part with our open enemies and as it is inconsistent with the high trust reposed by the convention of this state in this committe to hazard the general liberties of America dependent in so high a degree on the preservation of this state by an Illtimed lenity to individuals who have either with artful & wicked designs or from interested motives shrunk from the duties they owe their country

Therefore Resolved that it is the duty of every virtuous citizen when a mortal blow is aimed at the liberties of his country to stand forth in an open & spirited manner & to assist by his example by his council or by his arms in vindicating and defending her cause.

Resolved that it would endanger the safety of the state & the general liberties of America to permit persons of influence & of equivocal characters to remain within it at this alarming Crisis, more paticular on the Frontiers & in such other Counties where conspiracies are actually forming to aid & abett our open enemies & therefore that all such persons ought forthwith to be removed to one of the neighbouring states.

At a meeting of the committee at Connor's Tavern the 25th of Nov. 1776.

Present: Wm Duer, Esq., Chairman. Nathaniel Sackett, Esq.,
John Jay, Esq., Zepheniah Platt, Esq.

Whereas Cadwallader Colden of Ulster Co Esq hath been represented to this committee as a person who hath long been notoriously disaffected to the American cause and who from his disposition & influence as well from his vicinity to the enemy may justly be considered as too dangerous to be permitted longer to remain at his present abode and the more so as this committee have reason to believe that he

hath Countenanced and abetted measures predjudicial to the rights of America— Resolved therefore that he be forthwith apprehended & brought before this committee.

Ordered, That Capt Lush do forthwith apprehend the said Cadwallader Colden, Esq., and bring him before this Committee, that he carefully and diligently examine all his papers, and that he secure all such as may have any reference to the Contest betwixt Great Britian & America in order that the same may be examined by this Committee—

In Committee the 27th day of Nov. 1776.

Capt. Lush returned and brought to the Committe Cadwallader Colden, Esq., who was order'd to be apprehended on the 25th inst. On his giving his parole of honour that he will not depart this place, but appear before this Committee To-morrow morning he was permitted to seek for Lodgings. Capt Lush delivered to the Committee a number of Letters & Papers which he found in Mr. Colden's custody, to wit:

A Letter signed I. Colden directed to Cadwallader Colden, Esq., at Coldenham, Dated at Long Island Febr 20th 1776.

A Letter signed Chas Ingliss, directed to Cadwallader Colden, dated at New York Febr 5th 1776.

A Letter signed Peter Dubois, directed Cadwallader Colden, Esq., at Coldenham, dated Monday noon.

A Letter signed Dubois, directed to Major Colden, dated Friday, P. M.

A note from Mr. Dubois to Major Colden.

A long letter from Peter Dubois, directed to Cadwallader Colden, Jun. Esq., in Ulster Co. This letter contains the intelligence & account of the movements and proceedings of the two Armies, beginning Monday morning Septr 16th 1776, and ending the Wednesday following, dated at Second river.

A note from some Scotch Gentleman at Esopus, directed to Mr. Colden, dated August the 3d 1776.

A small paper containing notes of Mr. Anans Sermon on Politicks.

A paper containing a list of the Continental & Ministerial Fleets with their number of men and guns, (this is supposed to be the Fleets on Lake Champlain).

A Copy of Lord Howe & General Howes declaration of the 19th of Sept. 1776.

A Protest against the measures of Congress neither dated or sign'd.

A manuscript piece of Poetry reflecting on the measures pursued by the Americans.

In Committee &c Fishkill the 28th Nov 1776.

Mr Colden appeared & being examined by the Committee said that he conceived the former oath of allegiance which he had taken to the King of Great Britain to be binding upon him & professed a desire of being permitted to observe a state of Neutrality,

Resolved that he be forthwith removed to the town of Boston in the State of Massachusets Bay there to remain at his own expense on his parole of honour under such restrictions as the Select men or Civil Authority of that Town shall prescribe.

Resolved, that the said Major Colden be permitted to return home in order to take leave of his family & to prepare for his Journey for the space of 10 days on his pledging his parole of Honour to appear before this committee at the expiration of the said term—

Major Colden appearing before the committe was asked whether the paper containing reflections on a Sermon preached by the Rev Mr Anan was his own hand writing—confessed it was. he further pledged his parole for his appearance at the time mentioned.

Extract from David Pembrooks examination.

"And this deponent says that he used to hear James Robinson frequently talk of going to see Major Colden."

The James Robinson mentioned in the preceeding abstract is a dangerous emissary from the enemy & hath industriously attempted to seduce divers of the Inhabitants of this State from their allegiance thereto and enlisted men in the Service of the enemy.

Fishkill Corners Tavern Jan^{y} 6 1777.

Present: John Jay, Esq., Chairman. Egbert Benson, Chairman of Dutches.
Zeph. Platt, Esq. General Morris.
Nathaniel Sackett, Esq.

The Committee proceeded to take into Consideration the proposals of Cadwallader Colden Esq referred to them by the Committe of Safety on the 3^{d} inst and thereupon came to the following resolution —

Resolved unanimously, that the said proposals in the opinion of this Committee ought not to be complied with as the reasons upon which the resolution of this Committee for removing the said Cadwallader Colden to the town of Boston was founded still exist in full force.

These are all the Proceedings & Papers of this committee respecting Cadwallader Colden Esq. By order of the Committee

6th Jany 1777. JOHN JAY, *Chm.*

Major Colden's Proposal.

[Miscel. Pap. 38: 533.]

If the Honourable Convention are Pleased to look upon M^{r} Colden in the Light of a Prisoner to the State of New York, in that Case he then Humbly Begs Leave to Propose, That, on his Parole, or any other Security the Convention may think Proper (of which he is able to give the most Competant) he may be admitted to Remain on his own farm, or Rather within a Circuit of ten Miles around it, upon his Engaging in any Manner they may think Proper, Not to take up Armes against the State, Nor in any ways to aid or abett the Ennemies of the Said State Either by word Deed or Writting—and that he will at any time when required by the Convention appear before them, and Submitt to any further Controle they may think Proper.

Fish Kill, Jan^{y} 3^{d} 1777.

Col. Colden's Defence & resolutions & proceedings respecting him.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 546.]

Cadwallader Colden Esq^{r} according to his Petition and the Order thereon made appeared before this House and made his Defence he was thereupon desired to withdraw and after he had so withdrawn upon mature Consideration,

Resolved that in the opinion of this House the said Cadwallader Colden is and claims to be a subject of the King of Great Britain with whom this State is now at open war.

Resolved that according to the Laws of Nations the said Cadwallader Colden ought to be treated within this State as the subjects of this State are treated by the agents and adherents of the King of Great Britain.

Resolved that altho many of the Subjects of this State are now confined by authority derived from the King of Great Britain in Prisons and otherwise cruelly and inhumanly Treated to compel them to take an oath of Allegiance to the said King contrary to their Consciences without Regard to the Dictates of Humanity or Religion, yet this Convention ever attentive to the Rights of human Nature and willing to relieve the Distresses of mankind will not unless in Cases of absolute necessity imitate so wicked and infamous Example.

Resolved therefore that the said Cadwallader Colden be confined on his Parole of Honor within five Miles of his usual Place of abode he the said Cadwallader first making Oath that he will not either directly or indirectly countenance or commit any act matter or thing whatsoever against this State its Rights and Liberties or against the Rights, Liberties & Independence of the united states of America but that he will discover all Designs and Conspiracies against the same which shall come to his knowledge.

Major Colden's Parolo.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 483.]

I Cadwallader Colden of the County of Ulster Esquire do hereby solemnly promise & Engage on the Honor of a Gentleman That I will remain within one Mile of the Court House of Ulster County and that I will not depart the said Limits without permission of the Convention or Committee of Safety of this State nor that I will by any ways or means whatsoever Correspond or convey any Intelligence to any of the Enemies of the United States of America.

Dated this 6th Day of March 1777. CADWALLADER COLDEN.

[Mil. Commit. 25: 350.]

State of New York, ss.

In Committee appointed for Enquiring into detecting and Defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America.

Fish Kill, Decemr 20th 1776.

Col. Henry B. Livingston informed the Committee that he had apprehended at the request of John Sloss Hobart Esqr one of the Members of the Convention of the State of New York, and brought under Guard to this Place, Mr Malcom Morrisson and David Aitkens, two persons who had received protections from General Howe.

Ordered, That Malcom Morrison appear before this Committee.

Malcom Morrison appearing and being examined Saith, that last Tuesday week one David Aikins one of his neighbours gave him a paper which he put in his pocket and the next day or that even'g read; and that it was a Protection from Genl How. That he never informed the Committee of his District thereof, being diverted therefrom by private Business. That he never asked the said Aikins where he got it, or what induced him to give the said paper to this Examinant, and that on the said paper's being Demanded of him by Sloss Hobart, Esqr a Member of the Convention of this State the night before last he gave it to him, and that the paper now shown to him is the same; that the Evening or the next Day after he had received the said paper he communicated the same to one Alexander Kidd, who had formerly been of his District Committee, also to one William Young a Saddler there, but to no other persons whatever. MALCOM MORRISON.

Ordered, That the said Malcom Morrison be committed to the Custody of the Guard, and by them Confined in Irons.

David Aikens of Fredericks Borough Precinct, Blacksmith, being Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth and Saith:

That on or about the 29th Day of Novemr last, he set out from Home with a pass from Colo Luddington, to go to Horseneck to buy Rum. That on His arrival there he was disappointed in getting the Rum, and from thence he set out from Westchester County in quest of Barnes Hatfield for whom he was bound in a considerable sum of money. That he went to the White plains, and not finding him there he went to Isaac Williams near Brunk's River, who had married his Cousin, that he Lodged there and was taken out of Bed there by a party of Roger's Rangers, that they carried him to a Fort near one Valentines, and the next Day they sent him to a Major, who's name he has forgot, in the neighbourhood of Kings Bridge. That the Major asked him how he could clear himself from the Rebel Pass that was found on him. That he said he had came down on a particular Errand from Capt. Alexr Grant's wife to him, and that if the Major would send him to Capt. Grant, or Capt. Archbd Campbell, who were his old neighbours, he would prove his Character. That thereupon the Major sent him under Guard to Capt. Campbell's Quarters at a White House of Mr. Frederick Van Courtlandts. That on his arrival there he told Capt. Campbell he was a Prisoner, and that it was in his Power to discharge him. That Capt. Campbell said he would discharge him, if he would carry some papers and Errands to certain persons in his neighbourhood, and be Secret about it, Saying

further that he had, a Day or two before sent some papers as this Deponent understood to Malcom Morrison by one Widdow Henderson, who he believed used to live at Horseneck, and he has heard is a Relation to the Hendersons at Robinsons lower stores. That he promised to be the bearer of said Errands & papers, and that Captain Campbell thereupon gave him two printed papers which he did not read, and protections from General Howe for Malcom Morrison, John Kain, Alexander Kidd, Mathew Patterson, Charles Collins, and one for himself. That the said Captain Campbell entered into Free Conversation with him, in the course of which he understood from the said Captain Campbell that Malcom Morrison had engaged to raise a Company of men for the Enemies Service, and that he the said Campbell wished he would be speedy about it. That the said Captain Campbell further told him, that when he left Fredericksburgh, he delivered his writings to Alex^{r} Kidd. And this Deponent further saith that Capt. Campbell gave him a pass to return home, and said he would be at the Deponents House in about Six weeks time, and that as he was going away, he met Allen Cameron who had formerly resided in Fredericksburgh, and with whom he had been acquainted. That he entered into Conversation with the said Cameron, and that Cameron among other things told him, that he had given a Bill of Sale for his Estate to Malcom Morrison to save his property. And this Deponent further Saith that Barney Kain, a brother of John Kain is a Lieu^{t} to the said Campbell, and that this Deponent also understood from the said Capt. Campbell, That Malcom Morrison after he had raised his Company was to be under Gov^{r} Brown.

That this Deponent made the best of his way home, that on his arrival there, he delivered the protection aforesaid directed to Malcom Morrison to him, that the said Morrison read the same and appeared much pleased, and gave this Deponent two Dollars for his trouble and care in delivering the same. That the Sunday after this Dep^{t} came home he saw John Kain and told him he had a protection for him and asked him if he would receive it. That the said John Kain appeared shy about it and in the Evening of the same day called at this Deponent's House for it, and this Depon^{t} accordingly gave it to him. That the said Kain asked this Deponent where he got the said protection, & this Deponent told him he had got it from Cap^{t} Campbell. This Deponant further saith, that he never Delivered the other protections to the persons for whom they were intended as aforesaid nor has he spoken to either of them about it except to Matthew Patterson who refused to accept it. That one Hetty Street a sister of whom lives with the Wife of Lemuel Wilmot, who has lately gone to the Enemy from Fredericksburgh, told him, That Malcom Morrison had sent a Little Girl to their House to show them the protection he had received. And this Deponent further saith that some Time after the said John Kain came to his house, and told him that Malcom Morrison had divulged the affair of the protection, & that the said John Kain would fall out with this Deponant & vilify him, but that he must not mind it. This Deponant also saith that he gave the said John Kain one of the printed papers above mentioned, and asked him what he should do with the other, & that the said John Kain advised him to burn them both, which he accordingly did. And further this Dep^{t} saith not.

DAVID AKINS.

Sworn in the presence of the Committee by me,
LEON^{D} GANSEVOORT, Chairman.

[Mil. Com. 25: 354.]

IN COMMITTEE FOR CONSPIRACIES &^{c} December 22^{d} 1776.

Ordered: that M^{r} Matthew Patterson appear before this Committee.

Matthew Patterson appearing before the Committee and being Examined under Oath, Saith that on last Tuesday se'ennight, Malcom Morrison, Roswell Wilcox & David Akins, were at his House. that Morrison showed him a protection which he had received from the Enemy, & asked the Examinant what he thought of it; that the Examinant answered that he did not know what to think; that many People passing & repassing in the House, nothing more in particular passed. That in the Evening David Akins called this examinant out of his House telling him that he had some-

thing to communicate to him if he would call at Akins's House. that the Exam[t] asked what it was, and told if it was anything to his Benefit he would be glad of it, upon which Akins said it was a protection from Great Britain. that the Exam[t] answered that he was once known in Great Britain, but that he chose to be Goverened by those who were his representatives; that the protection was never applied for by him, and it was a matter he could not see through. That Akins replied, if they had not been applied for they would not have been got. The Examinant further says that he told Akins that he did not chuse to have any thing to do with such things, and further saith that there was a man in the Room, meaning Col: Luddinton — who if he knew what Akins said, would immediately send him to Congress, but did not deem it expedient to mention to Col. Ludington and this Examinant further says that he was told by Malcom Morrison, that John Kain and several others had received protections, & likewise that he on or about Monday or Tuesday last saw John Kain. That the said John Kain asked him what Bluster there was about protections — That the Examinant told him that he supposed he knew as much about the matter as he did. that on this the said John Kain called God to witness that he never had seen any such protections, and that he knew nothing about it. That on this he this Examinant observed that he was very glad of it and further this deponent saith not.

MATTHEW PATTERSON.

Sworn in the presence of the Committee by me
LEONARD GANSEVOORT, Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE OF CONSPIRACIES &[c] December 23[d] 1776

Matthew Patterson, John Youngs & Roswell Wilcox appeared before the Committee and requsted the Enlargement of Malcom Morrison unless the charges against him were such as rendered it inconsistent with the safety of the State.

Ordered that the said Gent. be informed of the several charges and evidence against the said Morrison.

Resolved that the enlargement of the said Malcom Morrison, would be highly inexpedient and improper, and would greatly impeach the impartiality of this Committee.

Roswell Wilcox of Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Deposeth and saith,

That on last Tuesday week he was at the house of M[r] Matthew Patterson in com pany with Malcom Morrison, John Youngs, and Divers others, that this Deponent Sat next to the said Malcom Morrison by the Fire side, that the said Morrison asked him in a whisper, whether if the Regular Army was to come into those parts he should not want a protection, to which the Dep[t] answered indeed he should, on which the said Morrison replied that he could get one for him, that this reply gave the Dep[t] a good deal of thought. That afterwards when this Dep[t] was going out of the House in order to go home, the said Morrison followed him, saying he wanted to speak to him, and that they went together into Matthew Patterson's back Room, that the said Morrison then pulled a printed paper out of his pocket and read it to the Dep[t]. That the said printed paper was styled a protection, and purported to be an Order from the Commander in Chief of the Enemys army to all his Officers, soldiers and others not to molest or injure the said Morrison in his person or property, and that the said paper bore date at the White Plains in the month of November. That this Dep[t] was much shock'd at hearing the said paper read and asked the said Morrison where he had got it, upon which he answered that he had got and could get one for this Dep[t]. That this Deponant remonstrated to him on the danger of having such protection, observing, that would compel those having them to fight for the Enemy which he would rather Die than do, upon which the said Morrison said, so would I, adding that the meaning of the said protection was only to save his property from Plunder. That this Deponant then look'd upon the said Morrison to be in liquor, and told him he would speak to him about it the next Day, that he accordingly saw the said Morrison the next day, and told him that the

protection he had shown was a bad thing & of bad Consequenee, and had given him the Deponant much uneasiness, and said it would be better for him to reveal it to this Committee and that said Morrison said, what, have I shown it to you? and proceeded to say he wished he had never seen it, and that he had understood that Akins & Patterson had had some difference about the plagued thing, that he did not know what he should do, that this Deponant expected to have some further conversation with him upon the subject, but said Morrison's going from Home, and continuing out so long, that he and some of his Neighbours communicated it to this Committee, and this Deponent further saith that David Akins of Fredericksburgh, is generally reputed to be very disaffected to the American cause & that he has told this Deponent that he had signed the Association because there were so many People travelling that he did not conceive himself safe, and that his Moral Character is very suspicious and questionable, and further this Deponent saith not.

ROSWELL WILCOX.

Sworn in the presence of the Committee by me,
LEONARD GANSEVOORT, Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE FOR CONSPIRACIES, &ca Janr 3d 1777.

Doctor Gregory, and Isaac Everit, Chairman of the Committee of Fredericksburgh, communicated to this Committee the Deposition of Leteshe Lang wife of Robert Lang, of Westchester County, which are in the words and Figures following, Vizt

The Testimony of Leteshe the wife of Robert Lang of Westchester County Testifieth & saith,

Malcom Morrison Esqr of Dutchess County was at my house with John Bates of the same place on Saturday evening, about four or five weeks past & enquired of me where my Husband was. I told them that my Husband was taken prisoner in New York. Said Bates made strange of that and took me to the door, and told me to enquire of said Morrison, for he knew all about him, upon that, said Morrison told me that it was true for he saw my Husband about four Days ago and he was well, and that he, the said Morrison was Capt of a Company in the Regular Service, & that my husband was a Lieut under him, and said Morrison told me that my Husband had sent some money by him to me and that he was to let me have what I wanted, that my Husband was in good Business making money, and that he the said Morrison should be backward and forward often and would take care that I did not want, and Morrison gave me a Dollar Bill as from my husband, as part of my Husband's wages that he was ordered to let me have, and further saith not.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, December 24th 1776. LETESHE LANG.

The above Deponant appeared before me and made oath to the Truth of the above written Deposition, Sworn before me,
ISAAC EVERIT, Chairman.

IN COMMITTEE FOR CONSPIRACIES, &c Jany 4th 1777.

Whereas Malcom Morrison of Fredericksburgh Precinct hath accepted a protection from the Enemy, and stands charged on the Oaths of divers witnesses with having traitorously engaged to enlist men in the Enemies Service, and of aiding and abetting their wicked designs to subvert the Liberties of America,

Resolved that the said Malcom Morrison be committed to the Goal of Ulster County there to remain in safe custody in Irons, "till such time as this Committee or the Convention or future Legislature of this State, shall make further order concerning him.

Ordered that Captain Silas Purdy take the said Malcom Morrison, and deliver him to the keeper of the Goal of Ulster County at Kingston and the said keeper of the said Goal is hereby required to receive and detain the said Malcom Morrison accordingly.

By the Commissioners for Conspiracies &c

February 18th 1777.

Messrs Kidd, Patterson & Hitchcock Inhabitants of Fredericksburgh, applied to this Board in behalf of Malcom Morrison, and prayed that he might be permitted to take the benefit of General Washington's Proclamation.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Board, he is not entitled to the same.

In obedience to an order of the Committee of Safety of this State, of the 25th ult° we do return the aforegoing as all the proceedings appearing on the Minutes of the late Committee for Conspiracies &ca or of this Board relative to the case of Malcom Morrison.

Fish Kill, March 2d 1777

EGBT BENSON, } *Comr*
MELANCTON SMITH, }

A State of Sundries Debts and Effects belonging to Malcom Morrison in the hands of Sundries.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 379.]

Alexr Menzies Bond dated 13th Feby 1776, with Interest notes & accts £167 17 3.

Bill of Sale dated 13th 1776 for his goods & Effects for the payment of Said Sume, the Effects has been Valued Last fall, and give Mr Menzies my Receipt for the Value thereof

An acct. agt Sam Petters, no Security.

Small acct. agt David Nash, No Security.

Acct. agt Beverly Robinson Esqr } No Security.
Ditto Beverly Robinson Junr }

Violet the Nigor Winch is my Property

2 Colts and a pair of Wheals.

Allen Cameron's Notes &c &c with Interest, dated 24th Augt 1775 £198 10 4.

Bill of Sale dated 1th Feby 1776 for the Goods and Effects of Said Cameron for the payment of Said Money.

Samuel Wilmots Bond & John McNeils. No Security—for abont £80 17 6, besides an open acct. agt him.

Petition of Malcolm Morrison.

[Petitions, 33: 634.]

To the Honourable the Representatives for the State of New York in Convention assembled.

The petition of Malcom Morison of Dutchess County and State of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That yr petitioner is at present in close Confinement in the Common Goal of Kingston and Hath been a considerable time, for being thought unfriendly to, and an Enemy to the American States, That yr petitioner has ever since the Controversy arose between Great Britain & the States of America (that is since the year 1763) Maintained the Disputes & Rights of the American States so far as his ability afforded him. That yr petitioner has served in Committees attended public meetings & Trainings for the purpose of Raising men, and has generously Gave his money for the Encouraging of Enlisting And has at one times Training gave the sum of six pounds for that purpose, which together with other monies Advanced at other times appointed for the Raising of Men is at this day out of pocket the sum of Twenty pounds. That yr petitioner has made it his business to support that party that was friendly to the cause of the States and assisted them from the assaults of the Torys. That yr petitioner has always been ready in advising and assisting Both officers & soldiers in their publick business of the States, and in the most generous manner has advanced them Cash for their Different Reliefs, and is at present a very considerable sum out of pocket on that account, And has Received no part of said sum Except six pounds he lent to Colle Luddleton and Wm Griffin to Enable them to find out that pernicious plot of John Miller and Constant Nickerson, Reference being had to those Gentlemen for the truth of his advice & Assistance in Bringing that plot to Light. That yr petitioner has Delivered out his arms & stripped his Beds to support

the soldiers with Blankets & that without any pay. That y^r^ petitioner has kept an open and generous house for the support of both officers and soldiers Trevelling through the Village where he Dwelt, and in one day Expended a Cask of wine to Refresh the Troops that came from New Hampshire & Boston to Guard Hudson's River and also kept a great part of said Troops upon their Return, and has had his house, Barn & Store full of Men, and his fields full of horses, all without money and without price. That y^r^ petitioner has attended when any Troops came through the village where he Dwelt and has without any orders Endeavoured to provide Quarters for such Troops in a Comfortable manner, for the truth of which application can Be made to M^r^ patterson, Innholder in the same place, and to Coll Brinckerhoff at Fishkills. That y^r^ petitioner has been Employed in purchasing of Arms, Oxen, horses & Carts & was Largely Commissioned to purchase wheat and flour by that worthy Gentleman M^r^ Trumble, and have Employed seven mills for to Receive in wheat & Employed Coopers to furnish Casks for that purpose & has Employed a person to go to the Different Farmers in order to purchase their old wheat and to Engage their new wheat. That y^r^ petitioners Acc^t^ with M^r^ Trumble not being settled the last sum of Cash sent by him being 2730 Dollars. That y^r^ petitioner has in the most punctual manner fulfilled & Discharged the Different Engagements wherein he was Employed. That y^r^ petitioner has at Fredericksburgh Three Farms with a valuable Stock of Cattle thereon, whereon has been sowed Last Fall Seventy Bushels of wheat, and that the produce of those Farms, Wheat, Corn, Flax &^c^ is at present in a way of Destruction, by Reason of no proper person to take the charge of the same. That y^r^ petitioner has had manufactured within the Compass of one year, about one thousand yards of Cloth and about two thousand w^t^ of Butter & Cheese which he has sent the most part of said artiekles to support the Army of the States. That y^r^ petitioner has Business Belonging to the publick to a considerable Amount as well as other Business of his own, Lying in an unsettled condition to the great Damage & Loss of y^r^ petitioner. That y^r^ petitioner is Indebted to sundry Gentlemen and that to a considerable amount, who has in the most Generous manner trusted him with their goods & Effects, And what Gives y^r^ petitioner Great uneasiness of mind is that those worthy Gentlemen must Become sufferers by Reason of y^r^ petitioners Confinement, And unsettled state of his affairs. That y^r^ petitioner Labours under Great Damage and Loss as well as Great Anxiety of mind by Being Absent from his family. That y^r^ petitioner has left behind him, a sensible, worthy & Dear wife, who by her Abilities has always supported the Liberty's of America, a friend to the publick and a kind Benefactor to the poor & needy, who is Left with a family of nine small children, and the weight of all his affairs hanging upon her. That y^r^ petitioners wife since he left her lies in a melancholy and in a Deplorable state. That y^r^ petitioner is now Ready and willing to put his hand upon the sacred word of God & Declare that he did not send for nor write for, nor Expected any protection from the ministerial Army, neither has he Received any orders from any person whatever for to Enlist Men, nor Received any Commission from any person whatever for to serve in Behalf of Great Britain and that he has not Enlisted any person whatever for that purpose. Your petitioner therefore most humbly prays that this Honourable Convention would be favourably pleased to take his Distressed and Deplorable situation under their most serious consideration so as that he may be Discharged from his confinement, And admitted to the Benefit of that Benevolent proclamation Issued by his Excellency General Washington Esq^r^ or such other Relief in the premises as to this Honourable House shall seem meet, And y^r^ petitioner shall ever pray,

MALCOLM MORISON.

Kingston Goal, Feb^ry^ 19, 1777.

Your petitioner would further represent that he is exceedingly desirous to be deemed and received as a good subject to the State in which he lives & for that purpose is ready and willing to take the oath of allegiance and perform and do any and every other order and demand of this Honorable Convention.

MALCOLM MORISON.

Affidavit against Hugh Wallace and others.

[Miscel. Pap. 36: 751.]

State of New York, ss.

In Committee, for enquiring into, detecting and Defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America. Fish Kill, February 15th 1777.

Henry G. Livingston being Sworn, saith that about the middle of December last, this Deponent went to Connecticut that he there fell in Company with Hugh Wallace, Esq., that the said Wallace told him that this Country would soon be conquerd and that less than a month General Washington's Army would be Dispersed, and that the sooner this Deponent took the Benefit of Lord and General Howes proclamation the better, and advised him to go to New York to see how things were circumstanced, and if he was so inclined, might come out again without interruption, and that he would give this Deponent a Letter of Recommendation to Captain Wallace and Captain Parker of the Navy. That he accordingly gave this Deponent such a Letter with which he set out for New York and arrived there on or about the Twenty fifth day of December last, but never delivered the said Letters, that after having been two days in Town he waited on General Robinson and subscribed a Declaration mentioned in Lord and General Howes Proclamation in pursuance of the advice of a friend who informed him that the Enemy were informed of his being in Town and suspected his being a Spy. That the day after this Deponent not being pleased with his situation, attempted to Escape by the way of Kings Bridge where he was stoped by the Hessian Guard. That he returned to the City and lodged for three or four days at the widow Hamilton's, in which house a Scotch Gentleman of the name of Barclay also lodged. That this Deponent formed an intimate acquaintance with this Gentleman and frequently after had had Confidential Conversations with him. That in the Course of these Conversations the said Barclay informed this Deponent that two members of the Convention of this State would in less than a month be in Town and that the Enemy were constantly acquainted with every thing that passed in the said Convention. That this Deponent thereupon expressed great doubts respecting the truth of the said facts, whereupon the said Barclay swore by God that they were true. That this Deponent asked him the names of these two members, to which the said Barclay answered that one of them was called Roosevelt, and gave this Deponent to understand that he did know the name of the other. That Mr Peter Stuyvesandt has also told this Deponent that Mr Isaac Roosevelt wou'd come to Town as soon as he conveniently con'd and that Letters had been Written to the said Roosevelt for that purpose. That the said Barclay further informed this Deponant that by means of their Emisaries they were informed of every thing that passed among us and that Women were the most proper persons for that purpose. That Great Britain had made a Contract with the Empress of Russia for Eighteen Thousand five hundred Russians and that General Clinton was gone over to take the Command of them and that they were Destined for Boston. That as soon as the Ground should be fit for travelling General Howe would march to Philadelphia and after securing that place wou'd bend his Course to Hudson's River and attack the forts there by Land and from thence pass up the River in flat Bottomed Boats and form a junction with the Army from Canada and that the two armies so joined wou'd then invade the New England States. That this Deponant was informed by several persons of Credit in the City that a great number of flat Bottomed Boats were Building there and that they were designed for the Delaware. That this Deponent took great pains to inform himself of the number of troops on York Island and that partly from the Information of the said Barclay and one Lieut Collonel Woolsey of the Canadian militia and his own observations he has great Reason to believe that the following was a true State of the British Army on York Island at the time this Deponant left it which was on Sunday the Ninth instant to wit,

In the City and Bowry,.....	2,500	—mostly Hessians.
At Harlem 64th & another Regt,.....	800	—under Gen. Agnew.
at and about fort Washington,.....	1,200	—Hessians under Gen. Kniphauss.
at and about Kingsbridge,.....	180	—lately under Rodgers; now under Major French.
Do.....	50	—Tories under Capt Campbell.
Do.....	20	—Negroes.
Do.....	60	—Light horse.
	4,810	

That this Deponant was also informed by the said Barclay, Lieut. Collonel Woolsey, Mr Bell a Clerk in General Howes office, and others that the British Army then in Jersey at or about the time of the Battle at Trentown Consisted of about Thirteen Thousand men. That about ten day or a fortnight ago a number of troops from Rhode Island Consisting of a Regiment of Hessians and a Brigade of grenadiers and light Infantry amounting in the whole to about three thousand passed through the East River on their way to Amboy and that he obtain'd this intelligence from the said Barclay, Bell and Woolsey and others that it was generally reported and believed in the City that General Burgoine was gone home. That this Deponant did not learn that any more British or Irish troops were expected but that Recruiting Officers from the Royal Irish Regiment had sailed for Ireland. That this Deponant inquired of the said Barclay and others whether an attack wou'd be made this Winter on Ticonderoga and was given to understand that nothing wou'd be done there till Spring but that the Indians wou'd then be let loose. This Deponant further saith that he was inform'd by the said Barclay and others that two Companies were Station'd at Powles Hook and the Brigades of General Delancey and Governor Brown on Long Island and that those two Brigades did not together amount to one thousand men and that this Deponant had heard the said Barclay frequently say that he did not believe that there were more than a thousand Americans in the British Service. That this Deponant was informed from good authority and has no Doubt of its being true that Governor Franklin is employ'd by the Enemy to grant protections and pardons in Connecticut and that a very great number of the Inhabitants of that State had accepted them and further that one Shaeler in Middletown held a Correspondence with Miles Sherbrook which Information this Deponant receiv'd from the said Sherbrook's Clerk. This Deponant further says that one Shaw an Irish man from or near Morris Town in New Jersey who said he knew Treasurer Lott told this Deponant that he had a Captain's Commission to raise a Company in the Enemies Service and that he expected to pass unsuspected as he had a Brother an Officer in the American Service with General Washington. That John Bayard as this Deponant was informed was a Lieut Collonel in a Regiment to be raised in America and that he expected to receive a hundred and Seventy Recruits who were to meet him at Hobooken and that he had gone there to receive them and after waiting four or five days Returned without them they not being able to get down by reason of some American troops, stationed in that Neighbourhood. That this Deponant has heard from a person of veracity whose name he wishes to conceal as he is a good friend to the American Cause, that Stephen Rapelye had served as Pilot for the Enemy on Long Island, and that he was gone from the City of New York towards Esopus with a large sum of money and that the said person looked upon him to be a Tory. And this Deponant further saith that the Enemies Officers and others with whom he has convers'd frequently say that a General disaffection prevails throughout America, but that the Southern people were more unanimous in supporting the measures of Congress than the Eastern *and that they hold the Eastern Troops in the most Sovereign Contempt:* That they were much surprised at the Exertion of this State against them and are particularly and greatly incensed against this Committee for the manner in which they have treated the friends of Government in this State. And this Deponent further says that the Mr Barclay herein before mentioned was formerly an Inhabitant of the City of Philadelphia that he is very intimate with Lord and General Howe and appears to have great influence with

them. That when this Deponent left New York Beef was sold as he heard for Eighteen Pence a pound, Butter for four Shillings

Wood for,.....	£5		p[r] Cord.
Salt hay,.....	9s		pr hundred weight.
Fresh hay,.....			not to be had.
A Turkey,.....	10s		
Mutton & Veal,...	1s	6d	per pound.
Cabbage,.....	2s		per head.
Milk,.....	1s		per Quart.
Damaged Flour,...	32s		per hundred.

No Wheat, Indian Corn, or Oats to be sold.

And this Deponent further saith that Hugh Wallace Esquire, James Jauncey, Jun two members of the Council, & Thomas Jones one of the Judges of the Supreme Court who had been sent to Connecticut were in the City of New York as this Deponent understood by permission of Governor Trumble; that this Deponent was credibly informed that Beverly Robinson Jun had lately been to the City of New York. That Cornelius Clopper was also there, and had been Closeted by General Howe, also John Seabring, Isaac Low, John A. Remson, Joseph Hallet, three Sons of John Beekman deceased Viz[t] James, Thomas, and Gerardus Beekman, Lawrence Kortwright, Isaac and Nicholas Ogden of New Jersey. That this Deponent has never heard that Coll Ritzma had been in the City of New York till this Deponent came out of it and does not believe that he has been there since it was in the possession of the Enemy. That many of the Inhabitants of the said City are much discontented with the enemy; that Stephen Delancy Jun is Lieut Collonel of his Father General Delancy's Regiment; that S[r] John Johnson is in the City of New York and that Lady Johnson had lately made her Escape to that place & brought a copy of General Washington's proclamation with her of which no secret was made; that Stephen Watts is a Captain in the Regiment of Royal Emigrants and that John Watts Jun[r] wore a cockade. That Collonel Rogers had been broke for fraud. That this Deponent heard the said Barclay and Woolsey and several British Soldiers Damn the Hessians and say they could have done better without them. That the Hessians wou'd be remov'd to New York and kept there untill the opening of the Campaign. That this Deponent has heard and believes that the Enemies Army in Jersey Remains under the Command of Lord Cornwallis & that General Howe has been lately sick and remains in New York. That a great number of Horses lay Dead on York Island; that a multitude of Carts were in constant employ in the City and that the horses are very poor and out of Order as this Deponent supposes for want of Forage.

That General Lee was confined in the City Hall Guarded by an Officer and fifty men but in other respects well treated as this Deponent understood. And this Deponent further saith that the prisoners taken by the Enemy are most cruelly and Inhumanly treated, confined in Churches without fire, and Dying in great Numbers.

That they spoke very Disrespectfully of all the American Generals excepting General Mercer.

That Governor Tryon had given orders for all the Inhabitants of the City & County of New York to appear and take the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Great Britain; that this Deponent did not appear or take it but after various attempts effected his escape in a Boat from Harlem to the Jersey shore from whence he repaired to General George Clinton's Quarters and before him took an Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America agreable to the directions of General Washington's proclamation. A Certificate of which under the hand of General Clinton he now produces to this Committee by which it appears that he had in all things complied with the terms in the said proclamation. And further this Deponent saith not.

H. G. LIVINGSTON.

Sworn in Committe the 15[th] day of February 1777.

A true copy from the Minutes,

Henry Peckwell, Secry.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 669.]

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, March 22d 1777.

The Committee appointed by the Convention this day to see the Report of the Committee for clearing the Goal in Kingston and removing the prisoners from thence met in the Committee Chamber of the County Hall in Kingston.

Present: Philip Livingston, John Schenck &
Zephaniah Platt, Jacob Cuyler.

The Goaler by order brot up Malcom Morrison he was admonished took the oath of Allegiance to this State and was discharged and a pass given to him.

Moses Knap by order being brot up before the Committee took the oath of Allegiance to the State was discharged.

Information respecting Tories.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 427.]

SIR: We are informed that a certain Alexander Crookshanks with Sundry other Persons have lately been down to New York,—we have great reason to Suspect that he has papers with him whereby the design of the Enemy may be discover'd—Request you will Order the Person of the said Crookshanks to be arrested and a proper Sarch made in his House for all such papers as may tend to discover the design of the Enemy—and send him with such papers if any shou'd be found under a proper guard to this place.

We have this day sent Mr Egbert Dumond to seize one Cummings at Catskill—but have since been informed that he has gone to Albany; if so you will also take him & send him here.

We are Sir Your most Obedt Humbr Servts

CHRISTR TAPPEN,
ROBT R. LIVINGSTON,
JACOB CUYLER.

To Committee at Albany.

Mr. JOHN BARKLY Esqr Chairman of the County Committee of Albany.

Order to Seize the Persons and Papers of Hugh Deniston & one Cummings.

[Miscel. Pap. 39: 361.]

To EGBERT DUMOND, Esqr

SIR: You are immediately to apply to Capt. Hasbrouck for an officer & six men who you are to take the command off & to proceed with them in two Days to the houses of — Cummings & Hugh Dennison who you are to endeavour to Secure together with such papers as they may have about them, as also to search their houses for papers & bring with you all such as may serve to discover the designs of the enemy, if any such their should be—In order to prevent discovery it will be most prudent for the Soldiers to conceal their arms till they arrive at the house of the person they design to take up.

You are also directed to treat the persons you are to arrest with as much tenderness as is consistent with the necessary attention to their security.

You are also desired that if any or either of the said Persons shou'd be Absent from their Homes & if you can be informed that they are within one Days ride you will pursue your Journey thither.

CHRISTR TAPPEN,
ROBT R. LIVINGSTON,
JACOB CUYLER.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 564.]

Kingston in Ulster County ss

John Cumming of Catts Kill in the County of Albany being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God and examined deposeth and saith that he went into the City of New York on a Monday Evening some time in the latter End of

January. That he continued there about Eight Days & came out on Monday the third day of February last. That while he tarried in the City at that time he lodged at the house of William Scott near the City Hall. That he went into the City in Company with Alexander Crookshank of Albany, Hugh Denniston of Catts Kill, John Thompson of Tyron County (as the deponent was informed) and a young man named Hunter and a Lad or young man named M^{c}Vickar. That the two last joined them at Hackensack. That Hunter said he had lately come from Philadelphia, and that he had formerly been employed in the management of a Flax Manufactory. That in the City of New York on the first morning after his arrival (by Directions of Burroughs the Ferry Man) he waited on General Robertson and informed him where he this Examinant and the other persons who went into the City with him lodged. That General Robertson asked him for Information from above & explained himself by saying he meant Information relative to the strength of the Army. That Deponent informed him that he had heard reports that the American Army consisted of 40,000 & that other reports mentioned 50,000 to which General Robertson replied that they knew better. That General Robertson directed the Deponent to go into another Room to his Clerk & that he went accordingly. That the s^{d} Clerk asked the Deponent if he came to sign a Book which lay there; that he answered he did not & asked what Book it was; that the Clerk called it the Rebel Book. That on his the Deponents declining to sign it the said Clerk asked him if he had not signed the Association or trained under some officer or born arms. That on his answering those Questions in the negative the said Clerk told him he had no occasion to sign the Book & dismissed him. That in the City of New York he the Examn^{t} was at different times in Company with Colo Allen McLean who informed him that there were then on the Island of New York about 6,000 Troops, about 7,000 British Troops in New Jersey and about 7,000 at Rhode Island. That the whole Number of British Troops in New York, New Jersey, Long Island, Statten Island and at Rhode Island consists of about Twenty five Thousand Men. That he does not know whether the New Levies raised in America were included in the Numbers above mentioned. That his the Deponents half Brother Sir James Grant informed him that one of Brigadier General Delanceys Regiments were near full and they were recruiting the other Regim^{t} of that Brigade pretty rapidly. That they had enlisted in that Brigade many prisoners & others who had been disaffected to the King and in the Continental service. That the Regiment of Col^{o} Fanning (late Governor Tryons Secretary) consists of about seven hundred men. That in this last mentioned Regiment they did not enlist any who had been in the Continental service. That some of the inhabitants of Long Island (of which Col Fanning was said to be a native) had contributed three hundred and seventy pounds to encourage Recruiting of Colo Fanning's Regim^{t} That he expected Cap^{t} Alexander Grant's Company consisting of 120 or 140 men (the dep^{t} is uncertain which) and then stationed near Kings Bridge and also Cap^{t} Archibald Campbells Company would be added to Col Fannings Regiment and that the said Alexander Grant would be made Lieutenant Colonel of that Regiment. That Colo Allen M^{c}Lean also informed him that he & Sir John Johnson & some other gentlemen were soon to set out for Canada by water in order to join about 25,000 British Troops & 25,000 Canadians and Indians there who were to make a Desent into the State of New York by way of Ticonderoga as soon as the Lakes opened. That Major Small went with the Examinant to Colo M^{c}Leans and was present at the above conversation. That he the Deponent waited two or three days in the City for the arrival of Troops from Rhode Island as he had business with some Gentlemen daily expected from thence but that no Troops had arrived from thence to his knowledge when he left the City. That Colo M^{c}Lean and M^{r} Abraham C. Cuyler of Albany both informed the Deponent that General Howe designed with his Army to pass to the Northward and join or meet the Northern or British Army at Albany as soon as the Northern Troops could meet them there; that M^{r} Cuyler informed him that Lord Howe intended to publish another Proclamation as soon as he should come up to the North side of the High Lands. That he understood that they did not expect any person above the Highland to come in on the last Proclamation. That he did not

hear anything said of Paoli the late Corsican Chief. That he the deponent was informed by Colo Allen M^c^Lean that twenty five thousand Russians were expected early this Spring and were destined for Boston. That from some person in the City of New York (he cant recolect the person but knows it was not Colo M^c^Lean) he was informed that fifteen thousand British Troops were expected this Spring to arrive at Canada. That to the best of his Remembrance it was Cunningham the Captain of the Provost Guard who mentioned this last circumstance at his the Deponents Lodging. That this Deponent left the said John Thompson of Tryon County at Hoboke Ferry to return to New York. That the said Thompson refused to return with them. That the said Denniston & Crookshank returned with the Deponent. That another person came out with them who passed by the name of Thompson. That he had a slay waiting for him at this side of Hoboke Ferry, Which the Deponent imagines was the slay which carried in Lady Johnson to New York. That the said person by the name of Thompson was then unknown to the Deponent. That he traveled with them to Smiths in the Clove and from thence left them pretending business at one Ellisons. That he the Deponent did not learn that his real name was Colden while he was in company with the Deponent but has since been informed by Cadwallader Colden Esq^r^ that the said last mentioned person who passed by the name of Thompson was the son of him the said Cadwallader. That he the Deponent had not a pass to go in or come out of the City of New York. That he expected to go to New York when he left home if he could get into the City, and expected to get in from Newark. That he had applied for a pass to go to the City before he left home and was refused. That Major Small informed the Deponent that Colo M^c^Lean had appointed him first Captain in his Regiment. That the Deponent then informed Major Small that he had given his promise not to take arms against the Country. That they had used him well and that he would by no means think of engaging in the service. That Colo M^c^Lean afterwards told the Deponent that Major Small had mentioned his the Deponents sentiments and that he (M^c^Lean) knew it was in vain to press him on that subject or words to that effect.

Sworn & Examined the 8^th^ day of March 1777 By me JN^O^ CUMMING.
JOHN M^c^KESSON, Not^r^ Pub.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 721.]

Kingston in Ulster County, ss.

Alexander Crookshank of the City of Albany being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God & Examined deposeth and saith: That a few weeks ago he set out from home with an Intention of going into the Cities of New York & Philadelphia. That his inducement to go to New York was to be introduced to Colonel Archibald Campbell to enable him to settle a Corespondence in London. That he was not before acquainted with Colo Campbell, but depended much on the Recomendation of M^r^ Cummings. That he the Examinant did not find Colo Campbell at New York, but heard that he was at Boston or Rhode Island. That he intended then after his return home to go to Boston in order to see Colo Campbell. That he went into the City with Mess^rs^ John Cumming, Hugh Denniston, John Thompson, one Hunter and a young man of the name of M^c^Vickar which two last joined their Company at Hackensack. That one Burrows who attended at the Ferry on Hudsons River & was called Cap^t^ Burrows, directed them to wait on General Robertson. That he the Deponent accordingly went to General Robertson's the next morning. That he made a short stay there. That the General asked him if any militia were coming down and that the deponent informed him that he had heard that some militia were coming down. That he the Deponent met Abraham C. Cuyler Esq^r^ late of Albany at General Robertsons & conversed with him the greater part of the Time he was there. That he saw the said Abraham C. Cuyler frequently afterwards & carried a Letter & a newspaper from him to his wife. That the said Cuyler among other things told him that Staates Dyckman went with him from Fishkill where he escaped from thence to New York. That he saw Benjamin Hilton at New York & carried a Letter from him to his mother at Albany.

That he saw John Griffiths late of the County of Albany at New York, heard him called Captain, saw him in company with Cunningham the provost Marshal & was informed that Griffiths had some appointment in Colo Rogers corps. That the said Cunningham had the appearance of a British officer and enquired of the Examinent what fortifications he had seen on his way from Albany possessed by American Troops and the strength of them. That he informed him that he had seen one near the Highlands and that there were about one hundred men at Slotts. That he was informed that there were about six thousand British Troops at & about New York & about seven thousand in Jersey. That he heard of some British Troops come or coming from Rhode Island and heard that there were Twenty odd thousand some said twenty two or three thousand & others said twenty five thousand Troops in General Howes Army at New York, Jersey, Rhode Island & places adjacent. That he heard that 25,000 or upwards of 20,000 Russian Troops were expected in the spring and their Destination as supposed would be to Rhode Island. That he heard this matter of Russian Troops mentioned by Abraham C. Cuyler to the best of his Remembrance. That he heard that it was supposed Gen^{l} Howes Army would this spring go up Hudsons River. That he heard the s^{d} Cuyler & others mention this. That he does not recollect to have heard anything about the Northern British Army. That he heard that Sir John Johnson & Colo M^{c}Lean were to go round to Canada. That he the Deponent had a pass from John Barclay Esq^{r} Chairman of the Committee of Albany to go to Philadelphia but did not inform M^{r} Barclay that he intended to go to New York. That he the Deponent heard in New York that the Seventeenth British Regm^{t} and one other British Regiment were chiefly all cut off or taken in New Jersey and that he also there heard the Capture of the Hessians in Jersey mentioned. That he heard General Delancey's Brigade, Colo Fannings Regim^{t} and Rogers Levies mentioned but did not hear their numbers. That he purchased 26 packs of Pins and one or two other small articles & brot them from the city of New York. That he heard in New York that some persons in New York purchased Continental Money. That he the Deponent was in the City of New York Seven or Eight days & came out in company with the said John Cuming, Hugh Denniston and a person who passed by the name of Thompson who procured a slay at Hoboke & brot the Deponent & the other two persons above named to Hackensack. That he has lately been informed that the said person who passed by the name of Thompson was a son of Cadwallader Colden Esq^{r} That he saw a number of Vessels in the Harbour of New York said to be Prize Vessels. That he saw at New Utrecht Sir James Grant & about a Dozen of Ragged Troops whom he supposed to be new Levies. That he heard that Beef sold in New York from nine pence to a shilling per pound. That Mr. Isaac Low enquired about some farmers up the Mohawk River & whether the Inhabitants brot down Grain freely to Albany. That he informed said Low that some grain had been brot down but not so much as had been usual at the Time he left home. That he does not recollect any other matter, circumstance or thing relative to the British Army or Navy material to be mentioned. ALEX^{R} CRUKSHANK.

Sworn & Examined this 10th day of March 1777 By
JOHN M^{c}KESSON Not^{r} Pub^{k}

Sworn & Examined in the presence of us a
committee appointed by convention,
CHRIST^{r} TAPPEN,
JOHN TEN BROECK.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 568.]

KINGSTON, March 13th 1777.

SIR: Whereas we the subscribers have undergone an Examination and the Congress have as yet come to no determination relative to our destination and whereas we live here at a great expence and our familys at home suffering in our Absence. We humbly request of your Honorable House the liberty of retiring to our respective homes there to remain upon the Paroles of Gentlemen untill such times as the

Honorable the Convention shall desire or order our attendance and for the performance of which we most solemnly Pledge our Faith and Honor as Gentlemen to abide by.

JN° CUMMING.
ALEX. CRUKSHANKS.
HUGH DENNISTON.

To the President of the Hon^ble^ the Convention.

Oath of Allegiance of Hugh Denniston.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 509.]

I Heugh Denniston of Catts Kill in the County of Albany & State of New York do solemnly swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, That I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of New York that I will do my duty as a good subject of the said state, that I will Discover all Plotts and Conspiraces which may come to my knowledge against the said State or the United States of America, that I take this oath with out any mental Reservation or Equivocation whatsoever and mean faithfully and honestly to perform the same, so help me God.

HUGH DENNISTON.

Sworn to this 15^th^ March 1777 before me,
ROB^T^ BENSON, Secr^y^ to the Convention of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 479.]

Ulster County, ss.

The Deposition of George Lawson who saith upon oath this morning M^r^ John Cummings Came in the house of Johannis Freer In Kingston and got in Discourse with said Freer concerning the regular & the American armies and said Cummings said it was his opinion that the regular Army wood Conquor the American Army and that the Congress money was nothing but stuff to him and it would be no benefit to the Country as the Deponent understood him and that it was Better for us to give over Now than to hold out any longer as this Deponent understood said Cummings and the Deponent further saith that Mr. freer told Mr. Cummings that he expected the war would be over this year and M^r^ Cummings said he expected this seven year yet or twenty and that all Europe was joined against us and that we must not Expect any assistance from there and farther saith not.

Taken and sworn before me this 17^th^ Day of March 1777,
WILL^M^ ELSWORTH,
one of the Justices of the State of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 481.]

Ulster County, ss.

The Deposition of Arrie King who saith upon oath this Morning M^r^ John Cummings Came in the house of Johannis Freer In Kingston and got in Discourse with said freer Concerning the regular and the American Armies. And said Cummings said it was his opinion that the Regular Army wood Conquor the American Army & was sure of it and that the Congress money was of no value to him And Expected in two or three days to go to New York and farther said to Mr. Freer suppose I was to live in your house thirty years and paid the rent and you charged me a shilling more yearly than the rent we had agreed for might I not rather pay the one shilling more yearly than to go and Quarrel with you and further said Cummings said that all the powers of Europe was united against us and that we must Not Expect any assistance from there and that Crookshanks talk'd the same way that Cummings Did and it appear'd to the Deponant that Crook Shank Joyned hart and hand with Cummings and said he believed it would be so as Cummings had said. And farther this Deponent saith not.

Taken and sworn before me this 17^th^ day of March 1777,
WILL^M^ ELSWORTH,
one of the Justices of the State of New York.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 491.]

Kingston in Ulster County ss.

Hugh Denniston of Catts Kill in the County of Albany being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God & examined deposeth and saith

That some time about the latter End of January last he set out from his own House in company with Mr John Cummings, Mr Alexr Crookshanks and John Thompson. That he did not know that Thompson was to be of the party untill the morning they set off. That he had a pass from John Barclay Esqr Chairman of the Committee of Albany dated the 20th January last to proceed to philadelphia & return, and that they set off from Catts Kill about two days after he received the pass. That he agreed to go with Cummings and Crookshanks at their request. That they proceeded to Hackinsack and tarried there at least two nights where they met one Hunter late a Clerk or Manager of a Linnen Manufactury for the Provincial Congress of New York and a young man of the name of McVickar. That all the Persons above named went into New York and that the Examinant went in with them by the way of Hoboke Ferry. That the Examinant lodged a few nights at John Marshall's one night at William Scotts and the residue of the time he was in the City he lodged on Board of a schooner commanded by Capt Mc Roberts. That he was in the City about Seven or Eight Days. That he saw some large Brass cannon landing at New York from on Board a Transport near the old slip from whence they were taken away up thro the City. That Capt McRobert shewed him a great number of vessels lying from White Hall to the upper part of Rotten Row which he said were prize vessels. That McRobert is an acquaintance of him the Deponent. That he heard and has no reason to doubt that a Brigade from Rhode Island landed at New York the day before he left that; that Capt Fingle told the Deponent that he saw them Land about the shipyards; that he was informed that a Brigade consists of about 1800 men. That he the Deponent was informed by Capt Mc Roberts & also by John Kelly the Land Jobber that the British Troops intended to conquer the Colony of New York this Spring and to pass up Hudsons River as early as possible; that Colonel Allen McLean, Sir John Johnson, Guy Johnson & Benj Hylton of Albany were to go round by the way of Quebec to come with the British troops there by Ticonderoga; that they expected to be in Albany by the middle of June; that he saw also —— Gomersal of Albany there; that he is a Captain in the British Service & understood he was to go to Quebec; that Gomersal told him he expected to be at Albany by the middle of June. That he was informed that Governer Tryon had requested General Howe to attack New Jersey as New York would probably join them if Jersey was conquered. That he was informed that there were about Seven or Eight Thousand British Troops in Jersey about Six or Seven Thousand in New York. That he does not recollect the number he heard of at Kings Bridge. That he was informed that the Troops in New York were very healthy. That he saw the Inniskilling Regiment which appeared to be a fine Regimt that they were all new cloathed; that he heard that the whole British Army consisted of 24,000 or 25,000 men but whether the new Levies raised in America were included in that number he knows not. That he heard some persons talk of 24,000 or 25,000 Troops in Canada exclusive of Canadians and Indians and of an equal number of Canadians and Indians. That Capt McRoberts appeared not to credit these reports of the numbers in Canada. That John Kelly & others he conversed with appeared confident of the aid & assistance of the Indians.

That he heard from Gomersal, McRoberts, Kelly & others that 25,000 Russians & 15,000 British Troops were expected in the Spring and that they had heard the Russians were destined for Boston. That they inquired of him the strength of General Washingtons Army, they spoke of the Verginia Troops as if they would give them trouble & called them Irish Rebel rascals but appeared to despise the New England Troops. That he went with Messrs Cummins, Crookshank and Hunter (and Mr Vickar to the best of his Remembrance) by Directions of Lawrence Burrows to General Robertsons office on the first morning after they arrived in Town. That Mr Cummins & Crookshank went into the House; that he the Examinant tarried at the Door & that Cummins told him when he came out that they delivered in the

place of their Lodgings; that they lodged at Scotts & would be sent for if wanted. That Cummins appeared to have great Interest & to be much caressed by Col M^c^-Lean & the other Military Gentlemen in New York. That he verily believes the persons who informed him that the British Troops would attempt to force up Hudson River & conquer New York and join the British Northern Army spoke their sentiments & gave him the Information they had heard; that he understood they intended [to move] up the Hudson River both by Land & water.

That he the deponent when he set off from home did not intend or expect to go into the City of New York; that at Hackinsack Hunter and others persuaded him and that he there determined to go into the City of New York. That he there purchased three pieces of white Linnen, one piece of check, two packs of pins & some handkerchiefs which he brought with him. That he did not give any Information to any person there or do any act which to his knowledge could be an Injury to the American States or either of them. HUGH DENNISTON.

Sworn this seventeenth day of March 1777 Before Me
JOHN M^c^KESSON, Notary Pub.

Sworn & Examined also in the presence of us
Committee appointed by Convention,
CHRIST^R^ TAPPEN,
JOHN TEN BROECK.

Certificate for Sloop Sally.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 511.]

PEEKSKILL March 15^th^ 1777.

This is to certify that the sloop sally belonging to Leonard Smith was employed in the Continental service in the month of October & November last.

WILL^M^ DOBBS.

John Inglis to John McKesson.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 641.]

FISHKILL, March 23^d^ 1777.

SIR: I received yours of the 22^d^ Inst and have sent you 2 Toplady on Predestination at 2s 6d apiece with articles of war, we have not one of Duncans Cicero left the Appendix to the Militia Law was not printed in our office and we have but one of them in the house the half of the Duch Address is composed but cannot work it of for want of paper but we expect some from Philadelphia every Day when ever it comes they shall be struck of; how many of them must be Done. The Almanacks we sent you are 8s per Doz. I am for Sam^l^ Loudon,

Sir Your very humble Serv^t^
JOHN INGLIS.

M^r^ Loudon went to Norwich Thursday last to see his family we expect him back in a fortnight.

To JOHN M^c^KESSON, Esqr., Kingston.

Letter to ———.

[Miscel. Pap. 37: 631.]

Fish Kill, 24^th^ March 1777, 7 O'clock, P. M.

SIR: Mr Jay is Exceedingly unhappy about the 27^th^ paragraph of the form of Governm^t^ which puts the appointm^t^ of the Clerks of Courts in the power of the

respective Judges I do not recollect to have seen so much dissatisfied about any other part of it. He alledges that 'tis puting in the power of the respective Judges to provide for Sons, Brothers, creatures, Dependants, &c^{a} That it will prevent obtaining Evidence against the most wicked Judge should such be appointed. Corrupt Bargains may be made for appointments to those offices. If the Tenor of the office should render it too precarious to be purchased yet the grantee may appoint upon conditions to receive part of the profits By the second sentence of the paragraph every attorney & councellor must be licensed in every court in the state in which he may incline to practice. The Beginning of the 28th paragraph is "And be it further *ordered*" it ought to be *ordained*. This last alteration can be got for asking —I almost presume to alter it. As M^{r} Jay from the state of the Family cannot go to convention immediately & says he will give notice and move for the reconsideration of the 27th paragraph as soon as he shall arive at Kingston that the Records may at least bear his Testimony against it. Would it not be best to reconsider the paragraph immediately & if any amendment should be made it might arrive here on Saturday.

The election of Town Clerk &c^{a} and the appointment of Loan officers &c^{a} together will form the 29th paragraph. The giving council to Criminals not being necessarily connected with the power of Impeaching which preceeds it will be a seperate paragraph. The paragraphs forty two in Number the first half sheet will be printed on Friday morning. Shall the Title page be the Constitution of the State of New York? Shall it appear to have any date?

On Sunday last a party of the Enemy attacked the picket guard of American Troops made prisoner & carried off one of the Light Horsemen. The Enemy met such a reception as obliged them to retreat speedily leaving five killed & two or three wounded.

Petition of Lieut. Col. Benjamin Birdsall.

[Petitions, 33 : 616.]

To the General Committee of the County of Dutchess.

The Petition of Benjamin Birdsall of Oysterbay South in Queens County Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment of Militia of that County lately Commanded by Colonel John Sands, Humbly Sheweth,

That when the Enemy possessed themselves of Long Island, your petitioner determined to take his Fate with his Country and fled from that Island in so great a Hurry that he was obliged to leave his wife and Family and all his Effects behind him. That since your Petitioners arrival into this County, he has not only lived at dead Charge at his own Expence, but has chearfully served his Country in the winter Campaign in West Chester County as a Volunteer, for his zeal and activity in which he begs leave to refer to the officers who commanded in the last Campaign. That your petitioner is firmly resolved to continue his services in the cause of his much injured Country, and has no other anxiety but what arises from his eager Desire to withdraw his Family out of the hands of the Enemy, and provide them a place in this Country for their present comfortable subsistence. That your petitioner has been favored with a promise from Brigadier General M^{c}Dougal of a flag of Truce for the purpose of procuring a Discharge of his Family from captivity and as he hopes to succeed in the attempt is Desirous to procure them a place of abode. That your petitioner is informed that there are Farms in this County which have been Deserted by their possessors who are gone over to the Enemy. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that in Tender consideration of the Distresses of himself and his Family and his known zeal for the American cause this Committee would be pleased to assign him one of those farms for a temporary subsistence of himself and his family, or recommend him to the Honourable Convention of this State for that purpose. And your petitioner shall ever pray, &c^{c}

Fish Kill, March 24th 1777. BENJ. BIRDSALL.

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant Colonel Birdsall the petitioner served in the Winter Campaign in which I was a General Officer, that he was very zealous & active as a Volunteer in that Campaign, and to my certain knowledge did signal services which justly recommend him to the attention of every friend to American Liberty.

JN° MORIN SCOTT.

Fish Kill, March 24th 1777.

I do hereby certify that I have been a Witness to the zeal and activity of Lt Col^{l} Birdsall, and that I am of opinion that he is justly entitled to the Favour and Protection of all the Friends to American Freedom.

March 24th 1777. WM DUER, *Member of Convention.*

In General Committee of Dutchess County, March 25th 1777.

The within Petitioner Lt Col^{l} Birdsall is considered by this Committee as a person deserving the attention of the public and comply with his request in recommending him to the honorable Convention of this State. The farm formerly in possession of Moses Northrop & that of Archibald Campbell is now unoccupied & think will very well suit the purposes of Col^{l} Birdsall.

By Order of Committee,

NATHAN PEARCE, *Chairman.*

Petition of Leonard Smith.

[Petitions, 33 : 614.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York, In Convention Assembled.

The Petition of Leonard Smith of New Malborough precinct, County of Ulster and State of New York, Humbly Sheweth,

That y^{r} petitioners Sloop was taken into the Service of this State Octo^{r} last past, and Continued into the Service untill in Nov^{r} and was Employed in Carrying Stores, &c., to and from Kings Bridge to Terrytown. That the said Sloop the Last Trip she made from Kings Bridge to Terrytown was left there by Reason of the Enemy's approach. That the sails Belonging to the said Sloop was taken off and put into the Store of this State. That y^{r} petitioner has apply'd since to his Employers for sails, &c., to endeavour to gett away the said Sloop, But could gett none, But they Referred him to this Honourable Convention for Redress. That y^{r} petitioner has a certificate Ready to be produced of the said Sloop being employed in the service of this State. That y^{r} petitioner conceives that as the said Sloop was in the service of this State it would be extreamly hard and unreasonable that the loss of said Sloop should fall on & Be Born by y^{r} petitioner, y^{r} petitioner therefore humbly prays that this Honourable House would be favourably pleased to take the premises under consideration and to make some provision for the payment of the said Sloop or to Give such other Relief in the premises as to this Honourable House shall seem meet And y^{r} petitioner shall ever pray.

LEONARD SMITH, Jun^{r}

Kingston, March 25th 1777.

Petition of Thomas Petit.

[Petitions, 33 : 594.]

To the Honb^{le} the Convention of the State of New York.

The Petition of Thomas Petit, Humbly Sheweth,

That your petitioner has officiated as Doorkeeper to the Convention ever since the first Election and flaters him self he has Given satisfaction that for his services he has been allowed Eight Shillings per Day which allowance your petitioner is sorry to acquaint this Honourable House he now finds insufficient to support himself

and a family of ten in number on account of the present deerness of all necessaries of Life, that your Petitioner has been obliged to Dispose of some part of the Little Furniture which he brought out of the City of New York to enable him to provide for his family during this winter, that your petitioner has been so unfortunate as to have a house Burnt in the late fier at New York which was nearly his all and he fears his Credit as well as his substance will soon fail him unless by the benevolent interposition of this Honourable House he is assisted and therfore humbly prays the Honourable House will be favourably pleased to take his ease into consideration and grant him such additional allowance as they shall think fit, And your Petitioner shall ever pray. THOMAS PETIT.

KINGSTON, March 25, 1777.

Petition of Jacob Le Roy.

[Petitions, 33: 606.]

To the Honourable the Convention for the State of New York.

The Humble Petition of Jacob Le Roy late of the City of New York, Merchant, Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner on or about Xmas or New Year last delivered into this Honourable House, his Petition praying for leave to have liberty to go to New York with only one servant that allways waits on him, setting forth his Reasons in said Petition (to which he begs leave to refer this Honourable House) vizt, That he was largely concerned in the different funds or stocks of Great Brittain, and that it was absolutely necessary for him to go to New York in order to take the necessary steps to secure the same to avoid their being taken hold of, either by seizure or attachment, to which Petition altho' your Petitioner has waited to this day, has never been so happy as to recive an answer. Your Petitioner therefore humbly beggs leave to renew his said Petition by the present humbly begging leave of this Hon House that they will be pleased, in their great goodness & wisdom to grant him the prayer of his said Petition. And your Petitioner begs leave to assure this Honourable House, that a refusal to his Request cannott but be attended with total ruin to your Petitioner, his wife and six children, and of no advantage to this State, and therefore humbly hopes for a favourable answer. And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray. JACOB LE ROY.

KINGSTON, 26th March, 1777.

Petition of Inhabitants of Westchester County.

[Petitions, 33: 610.]

To the Honourable the Representatives of the State of New York in Convention Assembled.

The petition of us whose Names are hereunto subscribed all of West Chester County, Humbly Sheweth,

That yr petitioners are at present (And hath been for almost seven months) prisoners confined in the Common Goal of Kingston for being thought unfriendly to and Enemies to the American States. That yr petitioners is of nothing more Desirous than of becoming subjects to this State And are Ready and willing (should they be permitted) to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Conform to any other propositions which to this Honourable Convention shall seem necessary for yr petitioners to perform. That yr petitioners Begin to be sickly, By Reason of their Long and Close Confinement, and are truly in a very pitiable and Deplorable situation as they are Destitute of money to support them. That yr petitioners Familys are in a Distressfull situation, as several of them have Died since their Confinement. And as the approaching of the Enemy Near unto where yr petitioners Familys Inhabits it gives them the Greatest uneasiness & Anxiety of mind fearing their Familys may fall a prey to the Enemy and they Be Robbed & plundered of their Little all to the

Great Grief as well as Distress of y^{r} petitioners. Y^{r} petitioners therefore once more presumes to offer and with the Greatest submission Humbly prays and Implores that this Honourable House in Tender consideration of their Deplorable situation would Be favourably pleased and mercifully Disposed to take the premises under their most serious consideration, so as that they may be permitted to take the oath and be Relieved from their Confinement or such other Relief as to this Honourable House shall seem meet. And y^{r} petitioners shall ever pray.

BLOOMER NELSON,
JACOB SCHURMAN,
SAMUEL HAINS,
JOSEPH TURNER.

Kingston Goal March 26th 1777.